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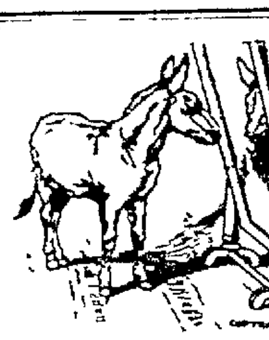
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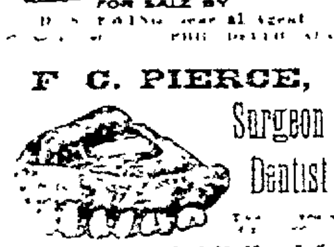
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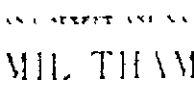
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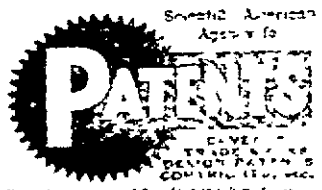
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OUR MIDNIGHT VISITOR.

hung by a strong cord around his neck "It looks like a charm."

He buttoned up his tunic again hastily looking extremely disconcerted. "It is nothing," he said brusquely. "I am a Roman Catholic and it is what we call a scapular." I could hardly get another word out of him that night and even next day he was reserved and appeared to avoid me. This little incident made me very thoughtful the more so as I noticed shortly afterward when standing over him that the string was no longer around his neck. Apparently he had taken it off after my remark about it. What could there be in that leather bag which needed such secrecy and precaution? Had I but known it, I would sooner have put my left hand in the fire than have pursued that inquiry.

One of the peculiarities of our visitor was that in all his plans for the future with which he often regaled us, he seemed entirely untrammeled by any monetary considerations. He would talk in the lightest and most offhand way of schemes which would involve the outlay of much wealth. My father's eyes would glisten as he heard him talk carelessly of sums which to our frugal minds appeared enormous. It seemed strange to both of us that a man who by his own confession had been a vagabond and adventurer all his life should be in possession of such a fortune. My father was inclined to put it down to some stroke of luck in the American gold fields. I had my own ideas even then—chaotic and half formed as yet but tending in the right direction.

It was not long before these suspicions began to assume a more definite shape which came about in this way. Minnie and I made the summit of the Combera cliff a favorite trysting place as I think I mentioned before and it was rare for a day to pass without our spending two or three hours there. One morning, [illegible] with our guest, we were seated together in a little nook there which we had chosen as sheltering us from the wind as well as from my father's observation when Minnie caught sight of Digby walking along the Carracuil beach. He sauntered up to the base of the cliff which was bowlder studded and slimy from the receding tide but instead of turning back he kept on climbing over the great green slippery stones and threading his way among the pools until he was standing immediately beneath us so that we looked straight down at him. To him the spot must have seemed the very acme of seclusion with the great sea in front, the rocks on each side and the precipice behind. Even had he looked up he could hardly have made out the two human faces which peered down at him from the [illegible] ledge. He gave a hurried glance around and then slipping his hand into his pocket he pulled out the leather bag which I had noticed and took out of it a small object which he held in the palm of his hand and looked at long and as it were lovingly. We both had an excellent view of it from where we lay. He then replaced it in the bag and shoving it down to the very bottom of his pocket picked his way back [illegible] more cheerily than he had come.

Minnie and I looked at each other. She was smiling. I was serious.

"Did you see it?" I asked.

"Yes. Aye I saw it."

"What did you think it was, then?"

"A wee bit of glass," she answered, looking at me with wondering eyes.

"No," I cried excitedly, "glass could never [illegible] It was a diamond and [illegible] one of [illegible] It was as large as [illegible] I have seen [illegible] and I must [illegible]"

[illegible] Minnie [illegible] her little wiles [illegible] my attention. My [illegible] sparkling of the [illegible] I had seen [illegible] and eventually left Minnie [illegible] by herself [illegible] my way to the home steading. My father and Digby were just sitting down to the midday meal and the latter hailed me cheerily.

"[illegible] pushing [illegible] wondering [illegible] Ah! you rogue [illegible] it was that pretty wee [illegible] I saw the other day that [illegible]"

"Mind your own affairs," I answered angrily.

"Don't be [illegible]," he said. "Young people should control their tempers, and you're [illegible] my lad. Have you heard that I am going to leave you?"

"I'm sorry to hear it," I said frankly. "When do you intend to go?"

"Next week," he answered, "but don't be afraid, you'll see me again. I've had too good a time here to forget you easily. I'm going to buy a good steam yacht—250 tons or thereabouts—and I'll bring her round in a few months and give you a cruise."

"What would be a fair price for a craft of that sort?" I asked.

"Forty thousand dollars," said our visitor carelessly.

"You must very rich," I remarked, "to throw away so much money on pleasure."

"Rich!" echoed my companion, his sun burnt [illegible] mantling up for a moment. "Rich! why, man, there is hardly a limit—but there, I was romancing a bit. I'm fairly well off or shall be very shortly."

"How did you make your money?" I asked. The question came so glibly to my lips that I had no time to check it, though I felt the moment afterward that I had made a mistake. Our guest drew himself into himself at once and took no notice of my query, while my father said

"Hush Archie laddie, ye maunna speer they questions of the gentleman!" I could see however from the old man's eager gray eyes, looking out from under the great thatch of his brows, that he was meditating over the same problem himself.

During the next couple of days I hesitated very often as to whether I should tell my father of what I had seen and the opinions I had formed about our visitor but he forestalled me by making a discovery himself which supplemented mine and explained all that had been dark. It was one day when the stranger was out for a ramble that, entering the kitchen, I found my father sitting by the fire deeply engaged in perusing a newspaper spelling out the words laboriously and following the lines with his great forefinger. As I came in he crumpled up the paper as if his instinct were to conceal it, but then spreading it out again on his knee he beckoned me over to him.

"Wha d'ye think this chiel Digby is?" he asked. I could see by his manner that he was much excited.

"No good," I answered.

"Come here, laddie, come here!" he croaked. "You're a braw scholar. Read this tae me aloud—read it and tell me if ye dinna think I've fitted the cap on the right heid. It's a Glasgey Herald only four days auld—a Loch Ranza fisherman brought it in the morn. Begin frae here—'Our Paris Letter.' Here it is. 'Fuller details'—read it a' to me."

I began at the spot indicated, which was a paragraph of the ordinary French correspondence of the Glasgow paper. It ran in this way: "Fuller details have now come before the public of the diamond robbery by which the Duchesse de Rochvieille lost her celebrated gem. The diamond is a pure brilliant weighing eighty three and one-half carats, and is supposed to be the third largest in France and the seventeenth in Europe. It came into the possession of the family through the great-granduncle of the duchesse, who fought under Bussy in India and brought it back to Europe with him. It represented a fortune then, but its value now is simply enormous. It was taken as will be remembered from the jewel case of the duchess two months ago during the night and though the police have made every effort, no real clew has been obtained as to the thief. They are very reticent upon the subject but it seems that they have reason to suspect one Achille Wolff an Americanized native of Lorraine who had called at the chateau a short time before. He is an eccentric man of bohemian habits, and it is just possible that his sudden disappearance at the time of the robbery may have been a coincidence. In appearance he is described as a romantic looking with an artistic face dark eyes and hair and a brusque manner. A large reward is offered for his capture."

When I finished reading this my father and I sat looking at each other in silence for a minute or so. Then my father jerked his finger over his shoulder.

"You's him," he said.

"Yes it must be he," I answered. "I think of the initials on the handkerchief."

Again we were silent for a time. My father took one of the faggots out of the grate and twisted it about in his hands.

"It maun be a muckle stane," he said. "He canna hae it about him. Likely he's left it in France."

"No, he has it with him," I said like a cursed fool as I was.

"Hoo d'ye ken that?" asked the old man looking up quickly with eager eyes.

"Because I have seen it."

The fagot which he held broke in two in his grip but he said nothing more. Shortly afterward our guest came in, and we had dinner, but neither of us alluded to the arrival of the paper.

IV



I heard our visitor give a great scream.

I have often been amused when reading stories told in the first person to see how the narrator makes himself out as a matter of course to be a perfect and spotless man. All around may have their passions and weaknesses and vices but he remains cool and blameless, a colorless thread running through the tangled skein of the story. I shall not fall into this error. I see myself as I was in those days, shallow hearted, hot headed and with little principle of any kind. Such I was and such I [illegible] myself.

From the time that I finally identified our visitor Digby with Achille Wolff the diamond robber my resolution was taken. Some might have been squeamish in the matter and thought that because he had shaken their hand and broken their bread he had earned some sort of grace from them. I was not troubled with sentimentality of this sort. He was a criminal escaping from justice. Some providence had thrown him into our hands and an enormous reward awaited his betrayers. I never hesitated for a moment as to what was to be done.

The more I thought of it the more I admired the cleverness with which he had managed the whole business. It was clear that he had a vessel ready manned either by confederates or by unsuspecting fishermen. Hence he would be independent of all those parts where the police would be on the lookout for him. Again if he had made for England or for America, he could hardly have escaped ultimate capture but by choosing one of the most desolate and lonely spots in Europe he had thrown them off his track for a time while the destruction of the brig seemed to destroy the last clew to his whereabouts. At present he was entirely at our mercy since he could not move from the island without our help. There was no necessity for us to hurry therefore and we could mature our plans at our leisure.

But my father and I showed no change in our manner toward our guest, and he himself was as cheery and light hearted as ever. It was pleasant to hear him singing as we mended the nets or calked the boat. His voice was a very high tenor and one of the most melodious I ever listened to. I am convinced that he could have made a name upon the operatic stage, but like most versatile scoundrels he placed small account upon the genuine talents which he possessed, and cultivated the worst portion of his nature. My father used sometimes to eye him sideways in a strange manner, and I thought I knew what he was thinking about—but there I made a mistake.

One day about a week after our conversation, I was fixing up one of the rails of our fence, which had been snapped in the gale when my father came along the seashore, plodding heavily among the pebbles, and sat down on a stone at my elbow. I went on knocking in the nails, but looked at him from the corner of my eyes as he pulled away at his short black pipe. I could see that he had something weighty on his mind, for he knitted his brows and his lips projected.

"D'ye mind what was in yon paper?" he said at last, knocking his ashes out against the stone.

"Yes," I answered shortly.

"Well, what's your opeenion?" he asked.

"Why, that we should have the reward, of course!" I replied.

"The reward!" he said with a fierce snarl. "You would tak' the reward. You'd let the stane that's worth thoosands an thoosands gang awa' back tae some furrin Papist, an a' for the sake o' a few pund that they'd fling till ye, as they fling a bane to a dog when the meat's a' gone. It's a clean flingin awa' o' the gifts o' Providence."

"Well, father," I said, laying down the hammer, "you must be satisfied with what you can get. You can only have what is offered."

"But if we got the stane itsel'," whispered my father, with a leer on his face.

"He'd never give it up," I said.

"But if he deed while he's here—if he was suddenly"——

"Drop it, father, drop it!" I cried, for the old man looked like a fiend out of the pit. I saw now what he was aiming at.

"If he deed," he shouted, "wha saw him come, and wha wad speer where he'd ganged till? If an accident happened, if he came by a dud on the heid or woke some nicht to find a knife at his trapple, wha wad be the wiser?"

"You mustn't speak so, father," I said, though I was thinking many things at the same time.

"It may as well be oot as in," he answered, and went away rather sulkily turning around after a few yards and holding up his finger toward me to impress the necessity of caution.

My father did not speak of this matter to me again but what he said rankled in my mind. I could hardly realize that he meant his words for he had always as far as I knew, been an upright, righteous man hard in his ways and grasping in his nature, but guiltless of any great sin. Perhaps it was that he was removed from temptation, for [illegible] lines of crime might be drawn on the map through places where it is hard to walk straight and there are others where it is as hard to fall. It was easy to be a saint in the island of Uffa.

One day we were finishing breakfast when our guest asked if the boat was mended (one of the thole pins had been broken). I answered that it was.

"I want you two," he said, "to take me round to Lamlash to-day. You shall have a couple of sovereigns for the job. I don't know that I may not come back with you—but I may stay."

My eyes met those of my father for a flash. "There's no' vera much wind," he said.

"What there is is in the right direction," returned Digby, as I must call him.

"The new foresail has no been bent," persisted my father.

"There's no use throwing difficulties in the way," said our visitor angrily. "If you won't come I'll get Tommy Gibbs and his father, but go I shall. Is it a bargain or not?"

"I'll gang," my father replied sullenly, and went down to get the boat ready. I followed, and helped him to bend on the new foresail. I felt nervous and excited.

"What do you intend to do?" I asked.

"I dinna ken," he said irritably. "Gin the worst come to the worst we can gie him up at Lamlash—but oh, it wad be a peety—an awfu' peety. You're young an strong, laddie—can we no master him between us?"

"No," I said. "I'm ready to give him up, but I'm damned if I lay a hand on him."

"You're a cowardly, white livered loon," he cried, but I was not to be moved by taunts and left him mumbling to himself and picking at the sail with nervous fingers.

It was about two o'clock before the boat was ready but as there was a slight breeze from the north we reckoned on reaching Lamlash before nightfall. There was just a pleasant ripple upon the dark blue water, and as we stood on the beach before shoving off we could see the Carlin's Leap and Goatfell bathed in a purple mist while beyond them along the horizon loomed the long line of the Argyleshire hills. Away to the south the great bald summit of Ailsa Craig glittered in the sun and a single white fleck showed where a fishing boat was beating up from the Scotch coast. Digby and I stepped into the boat but my father ran back to where I had been mending the [illegible] and came back with the [illegible] in his hand which he stowed away under the thwarts.

"What d'ye want with the ax?" our visitor asked.

"It's a handy thing to hae aboot a boat," my father answered with averted eyes, and so we set off. We set the foresail jib and mainsail and shot away across the Roost with the blue water splashing merrily under our bows. Looking back I saw the coast line of our little island extend rapidly on either side. There was Carravoe which we had left, and our own beach of Carracuil and the steep brown face of the Combera and away behind the rugged crests of Beg na phail and Beg na sacher. I could see the red tiles of the byre of our home steading and across the moor a thin blue reek in the air which marked the position of Corriemains. My heart warmed toward the place which had been my home since childhood.

We were about half way across the Roost when it fell a dead calm and the sails flapped against the mast. We were perfectly motionless except for the drift of the current which runs from north to south. I had been steering and my father managing the sails while the stranger smoked his eternal cigarettes and admired the scenery but at his suggestion we now got the sculls out to row. I shall never know how it began, but as I was stooping down to pick up an oar I heard our visitor give a great scream that he was murdered and looking up I saw him with his face all in a sputter of blood leaning against the mast while my father made at him with the hatchet. Before I could move hand or foot Digby rushed at the old man and caught him round the waist. "You gray headed devil," he cried in a husky voice, "I feel that you have done for me, but you'll never get what you want. No—never! never! never!"

Nothing can ever erase from my memory the intense and concentrated malice of those words. My father gave a raucous cry they swayed and balanced for a moment, and then over they went into the sea. I rushed to the side, boathook in hand, but they never came up. As the long rings caused by the splash widened out however and left an unruffled space in the center, I saw them once again. The water was very clear, and far, far down I could see the shimmer of two white faces coming and going faces which seemed to look up at me with an expression of unutterable horror. Slowly they went down, revolving in each other's embrace until they were nothing but a dark loom and then faded from my view forever. There they shall lie, the Frenchman and the Scot, till the great trumpet shall sound and the sea give up its dead. Storms may rage above them and great ships labor and creak, but their slumber shall be dreamless and unruffled in the silent green depths of the Roost of Uffa. I trust when the great day shall come that they will bring up the cursed stone with them that they may show the sore temptation which the devil had placed in their way as some slight extenuation of their errors while in this mortal flesh.

It was a weary and lonesome journey back to Carravoe. I remember tug-tugging at the oars as though to snap them in trying to relieve the tension of my mind. Toward evening a breeze sprang up and helped me on my way, and before nightfall I was back in the lonely homesteading once more, and all that had passed that spring afternoon lay behind me like some horrible nightmare.

I did not remain in Uffa. The croft and the boat were sold by public roup in the market place of Androssan, and the sum realized was sufficient to enable me to continue my medical studies at the university. I fled from the island as from a cursed place, nor did I ever set foot on it again.

Gibbs and his son, and even Minnie Fullarton, too, passed out of my life completely and forever. She missed me for a time no doubt, but I have heard that young McBane, who took the farm, went a-wooing to Corriemains after the white fishing and as he was a comely fellow enough he may have consoled her for my loss. As for myself, I have settled quietly down into a large middle class practice in Paisley. It has been in the brief intervals of professional work that I have jotted down these reminiscences of the events which lead up to my father's death. Achille Wolff and the Rochvieille diamond are things of the past now but there may be some who will care to hear of how they visited the Island of Uffa.—A. Conan Doyle in Temple Bar.

WAITING FOR THE BOYS TO GROW

Mother in the cottage yonder
Why into the future wander
Wishing for your boys to grow?
Childhood love is better, purer
Of them you are ever surer
Ere into the world they go

While unto your voice they hearken,
Never a shade they'll cause to darken
Your young motherhood's bright sky
Take each hour its store of pleasures
Sure love's choicest richest treasures
Round your babies' childhood lie.

Wait not for the days you're planning,
All bright omens ever scanning,
Dreaming day dreams for your boys.
Others, too, have lost life's sweetness,
Lost their hopes in full completeness,
All by wasting present joys.

Future's oft a strange undoing
Of the castles now we're viewing,
Tow'ring castles in the air.
Go fond mother cease your yearning
Taste the sweets you now are spurning,
While your babes are free from care.
—Hugh Adair in Good Housekeeping.

ON THE PAYSTREAK.

Rodolfo was kneeling beside the door of a little jacal on the western slope of the San Ysidio mountains pounding soap. That may seem a curious occupation, but here in New Mexico nine-tenths of the people have to pound their soap—the fat root of the palmilla (a sort of aloe) whose fibrous substance they crush to pulp for use in tub or basin. This curious natural soap is called amole and an excellent article it is. The poor little jacal—a roofed palisade of pinon trunks chinked and covered with adobe mud—looked as if it were like to contain very little worthy of washing but the amole and a huge copper caldron simmering over a fire of chips indicated plainly that there was something to be scrubbed.

Just then a brown thin faced woman stood in the low doorway holding in her arms a curious brilliant robe like a blanket. Strangely enough the most beautiful and the most durable blankets in the world are made not in civilized looms, but by half savage Indians with no better appliances than a rude combination of sticks and cords suspended from the branch of a tree. This one was of the best Navajo make—a blanket of crimson bolletta, with blue and white lightnings playing across it, a blanket which it required a solid twelvemonth to weave and in which one could carry water as in a bag of rubber.

"Is the amole ready?" asked Maria. "Ay de mi! My heart is heavy for the scrape that Don Francisco gave to thy father. That only we have saved when all was lost and now it too has to be sold. Last year the governor in Santa Fe offered 150 pesos (dollars) for it and now when it is washed thou shalt take it thither to see if he still will buy. Lastima! It is the last we have of thy father and—ay! [illegible]"

For Rodolfo had jumped to his feet with a loud cry. "Mira nana!" (look mother) he said laying something in her palm. It was a wee yellow scale not so broad as Rodolfo's little finger nail, nor quite so thick. But how heavy it was! And what a color—that exquisite waxy luster of the gold of the New Placers.

"Oro grande!" (coarse gold) cried Maria her big tired eyes lighting up. "Where didst thou find it?"

"Pounding this last big piece of amole nana. I found it in an elbow of the root. 'Sperate till I pan the dirt—perhaps there is more."

In a moment he was out of the house again with a big wooden bowl carefully scooping up the few handfuls of sandy earth fallen from the pile of roots, he put it in the bowl and poured on water from an olla (earthen jar) till the bowl was nearly full. Grasping it by the edges he gave it a slow tilting, rotary motion. Directly the water began to run around and around in a miniature whirlpool and the sand began to follow its current slowly. Now and then Rodolfo stopped to run his hands through the sand and loosen it up and again set it to revolving—for he had learned to pan out gold as well as any one when he and his father used to work side by side in the placers at Dolores. Now the poor old man—never fully recovered from that last awful wound received in a fight with the Apaches—was dead, and they were very poor. There was no more money to be made in the placers, for it was too expensive to haul water for washing that washed out gravel, and the beautiful scrape must be sold or their poor little home would be taken from them.

When the sand was thoroughly wet up Rodolfo began to give the bowl a stronger motion sideways, till it seemed as though he would spill the whole contents. A lot of water and sand splashed out from side to side, till presently there was left but a handful in the bottom of the bowl. As he kept rotating it more slowly and gently this drew out in a thin semicircle at the bottom of the bowl as far from the center as it could get—a sandy procession in which the usual parade order of the dignitaries was quite reversed. For ahead of all was the worthless, unstable, reddish sand at its heels the black iron dust which always is found in very rich company and lagging at the rear of all came a few wee yellow flecks no bigger than a pinhead.

"Pero!" cried Rodolfo to his mother, who was kneeling beside him. "It is very rich! There will be cuatro reales (fifty cents) from so little dirt!"

Now he was holding the bowl so tilted that the water had all run out, and the "procession" trying to follow it, was headed down to the very edge, where some of the foremost sand fell off. Dipping his hand in the olla, Rodolfo dropped a very little water upon the sand to accelerate its exit. Then he tipped the bowl back to a level, and poured in a fresh dipper of water. A little more gentle rotating and the procession was formed again, smaller than before, but in the same order. Again he ran off the foremost sand, and so, over and over, working more daintily all the time, till not a bit of sand was left, and but little of the iron dust. Only a short black patch of the latter remained, guarding the precious yellow at its back—from the [illegible] golden "flour" that was nearest, and even mingled with it, back to fat little flakes.

His mother had brought out a small bottle, and pushing out all the black dust he could with a deft forefinger, he tipped the edge of the bowl to the bottle's mouth, and with a tiny stream from his fingers, coaxed the gold slowly into its new home.

"Que rico!" cried Rodolfo holding the bottle away from him with a critical closing of one eye. "It is a better prospect than I have seen in the New Placers. Such dirt ought to pay five pesos the day—or more, if one can find the paystreak. And I know just where I dug the biggest palmilla, for I noticed it had so fat a root, and there I am going this very now. Perchance thou wilt not have to sell the scrape, nanita—only wait me, till I see if we do not find much gold!"

For six days the old jacal saw very little of Rodolfo. Exactly where he had pried out the root of the big palmilla was now a square hole nearly four feet across and eighteen feet deep. It was on the bank of the little dry stream bed at the bottom of the big arroyo. At each side of the shaft a stout young pinon trunk, with a fork at the top, was driven firmly into the ground and across these two forks lay his primitive windlass—another pinon trunk with a stout oblique branch left at one end for a crank. A strong rope was on the windlass, and at its lower end dangled a stout rung to be passed through the handles of the curious bucket gripsack of rawhide. Thus far he had worked alone and very tiresome work it was, loosening with his pick that jumble of gravel and rocks which the swift turbulence of summer torrents had packed and repacked in the narrow gorge, and lifting it out by the bucketful.

As the hole grew deeper he had to swing down by his rope till the rawhide sack with gravel climb the rope again hand over hand and laboriously windlass the heavy load to the surface and empty it upon the dump. And now the bottom of the shaft was at bedrock—the smoothish sloping blanket of porphyry, coated with a peculiar gray cement which underlies all that great plateau. Soon he would know if all that digging and hoisting had been in vain. As he started for home that evening his tattered coat pulled heavy on blistered hands—for in it he was carrying a load of the very last gravel which he had carefully brushed up from the bedrock. There was no water in the arroyo and to pan his dirt he must carry it home or bring water two miles to the shaft.

"Ya es acabo!" (now it's done) he cried gayly to his mother dropping the heavy load from his aching shoulders. "And tomorrow I begin to drift for the paystreak. But now I will pan this dirt before the sun goes and see if it be good."

Five times he panned out the bowl half full of that shabby looking gravel, and each time the tiny patch of wet gold dust which he pushed out upon a smooth stone was swelled a little. And in the last pan was a small waterworn lump, which came very near escaping with the first coarse pebbles—a nugget of fully two dollars, at which the tired mother wept for joy while Rodolfo danced about her, crying

"Ay nana! Already there is like four pesos! Very soon we will be rich ones!"

The sun was not nearly up the farther side of the Oroque peaks on the morrow when Rodolfo and his mother were trudging away toward the arroyo, driving ahead a patient burro borrowed from Cousin Pablo. Poor Flojo had a very uncomfortable load for two big kegs of water were balanced in opposite ends of a woolsack across the queer little pack saddle, and bumped his either side. Rodolfo carried on his head a rude "rocker" hastily made from a box, and in his hands a heavy double pointed steel bar. His mother brought the wooden bowl, and on her head a large olla full of water was confidently poised. The time had come when both must work, and little Chona would have to care for the young babies at home through the day.

In the earth near his shaft Rodolfo had dug a basin five feet long and three feet wide and lined it with tight packed clay so that the precious water might not be wasted. At the upper end was laid a big flat slab of sandstone from the ledge in the side of the arroyo and on this "foundation" he set his rocker. It was merely a stout box with one end knocked out, two rude wooden rockers like those of an old fashioned cradle under it a strong handle nailed to one side, and fitting into its top a small square box with a bottom of coarse wire screen. Under this screen was a canvas apron nailed to a frame and sloping backward. The rocker itself pitched forward and across its sloping bottom were nailed cleats a few inches apart.

Flojo was soon relieved and turned out to graze his forefoot hobbled with little rawhide handcuffs, that he might not stray too far. The rocker was set up ready for work and beside it a keg of water with a gourd dipper.

Dropping his heavy bar down the shaft—for the pick would be of no use in the close quarters in which he was now to work—and tossing after it a tin basin which would be handier than a shovel Rodolfo grasped the rope and slid lightly down.

Taking the steel bar in both hands he began to jab it against the close packed gravel on the up stream side of the shaft. Prying out first the bigger stones to a height of two feet above bedrock and then the coarse gravel he soon had started a tiny tunnel some two feet in diameter. As fast as he filled the rawhide bucket he dragged it out to the center of the shaft and passed the cross-stick on the rope through the rawhide handles, and his mother inured to the hard work of the frontier, windlassed it to the surface. The rock she threw away out in the streambed, but the gravel was carefully emptied upon a clean hard spot beside the rocker, where it grew apace.

When it was noon by the overhead sun Rodolfo came up on the rope and they ate their scant dinner of tortillas (cakes of unleavened dough cooked on a hot, flat stone) and water. There was half a yard of gravel beside the rocker (auriferous gravel averages about a ton to the cubic yard and "a yard of gravel" is a good day's work for one person). Truly they had worked very well. But were they on the paystreak? That was what Rodolfo was very anxious to know—for the gold that comes swirling down the stream from the mother veins in the mountains acts precisely as it acted in Rodolfo's wooden bowl. It is not distributed at random throughout that vast volume of accompanying rocks and sand, but trails along in reluctant file in the line of the strongest current, and being heavier according to its bulk than any of its companions, it keeps sinking down and down till the great sheet of bedrock will let it sink no deeper. And when the rains are over and the raging torrent becomes but a dry wash of sand and bowlders—for there are very few perennial streams in the gold regions of the southwest—the cunning yellow fugitives lie still there, never to change places until some great freshet shall scour the bedrock bare, or some prying hand finds their hiding place. So, even if the miner drop his shaft squarely upon the paystreak, he does not know which way to follow it, but must be panning out sample gravel every little while and running his drift to one side or the other according to what the pan tells him.

Rodolfo could scarcely wait to swallow the last of his tough tortilla. Washing it down with a hasty pull from the keg, he shoveled the screen box full of gravel, and taking the upright handle with both hands began to sway the heavy rocker from side to side while his mother poured on water from the gourd. The fine sand rapidly melted down through the screen and went jolting down the canvas apron to the back end of the rocker, where it fell to the wooden bottom, turned and began to wander forward to the open front end. When the screen was washed clear of sand Maria lifted it out, clawed over the glistening pebbles to make sure that there was no coarse nuggets among them, and flung them out, filling the screen with fresh gravel and wetting it down as before, while Rodolfo kept on rocking. Time and again the screen was emptied and refilled, and all the while the rocking and the pouring on of water continued. The sloping bottom of the rocker was full of sand—at the lower end an inch deep—and this sheet of sand, shaken by the motion and coaxed on by the water, kept creeping over the last riffle cleat and falling into the clay lined reservoir, from which Maria was now dipping back the water instead of from the nearly empty keg.

The afternoon shadows were deep in the round hollows of the mighty Sandias when Rodolfo rose from beside the rocker, emptied the screen and straightened his stiff legs.

"Now for a clean up, nana!" he said. She poured in a gentle stream upon the apron while he rocked, and, as there was now no new sand rolling down, that on the apron and on the bottom of the rocker began to work rapidly forward, and in a few minutes there remained only a little sand caught in the angle behind each riffle. Rodolfo whittled out a smooth, thin stick with a square end, and carefully scooped the wet sand into his bowl scraping out every grain from the cracks and proceeded to pan it out. But now, instead of a few handfuls of random dirt, the bowl held the concentrated richness of half a ton of gravel from bedrock. That was the beauty of the rocker—it would have taken four times as long to "work" that pile of gravel with the pan; the rocker did the heavy work in short order, and left only the finishing touches for the pan.

And now, when Rodolfo had got rid of most of the sand and began to "draw" what was left at the bottom of the bowl, there was a sight for four dark, glistening eyes. As the unstable sand drifted forward and forward it uncovered more and more of a rich, deliberate bank of yellow till Rodolfo's trembling fingers scarce could hold up that precious pan from spilling, and excited tears ran down Maria's thin cheeks. When at last he had guided the gold safely into the bottle he laid his face to hers and said in a voice which was tremulous, but strangely sweet

"It is well, nana! The governor cannot have the scrape that was my father's. And now let us go home."

The days went on, and the yellow dust in the bottle had grown half way to the top. Here and there in it were little rounded nuggets and waxy flakes, which Rodolfo loved to shake up. There was a whole sack of flour now in the jacal and a bushel of frijoles (Mexican beans). Every day Flojo—who had been bought with one fat nugget—"packed" his load of water to the arroyo, and every day Rodolfo and his mother worked on the gravel he sent up. His drift now ran thirty feet out from the bottom of the shaft—a narrow, dark crooked burrow, at whose farther end he lay upon his side, and pecked away with his bar by a candle's stingy light. Some days he lost the paystreak and the panning out at evening was very light but soon he found it again and all was well. And every day the bottle grew heavier and brighter till it was like a bar of lead to lift.

One morning as Rodolfo was working in his drift there came a sudden dull, low rumble and loosened pebbles fell upon him. Filled with a nameless dread, he crawled out toward the shaft, but no faint ray of daylight came to meet him at the corner. The great bowlder under which he had dug five feet from the entrance of the drift had fallen in! He had undermined it more than one should in following the paystreak under it. And now it had crushed out its gravel supports and had fallen and closed his burrow. He was buried alive! With trembling fingers he felt across its cold, smooth surface. Another bowlder had followed it from above and filled its place so that he could not dig out above it and to try would cause a cavein that would crush him.

Thought chased thought in strange procession through his brain. Buried alive under eighteen feet of earth and stone—his mother so near as that, but never to see him again—his poor mother! And just as they were getting the dear gold that would make them all so happy!

But in the veins of this slender, dark faced boy ran blood of that old blue of Spain that conquered and opened this new world to the old. He would not die like a coward—he would try.

He crawled back and got his bar and candle and brought them to the bowlder door of his prison and began to try the surrounding earth with cautious punchings. But the fall of the great rock had so loosened all the soil that it was sure to cave as soon as he should attempt to dig through it. In his desperation he even tried if he could not pry the great rock forward and in time clear out into the shaft, but a dozen men could scarce have budged that ton of porphyry.

Still he thrust his steel lever into the earth at either side and shoved on the bowlder, and suddenly the bar "gave" downward, as if he had driven it a foot into the solid bedrock! Startled and mystified, he began to probe the yielding spot, and in a moment gave a great cry of newborn hope. How strange the chance upon which a life may hang! In all the thirty feet of bedrock he had cleaned up, there was not a hollow; but right here, its edge an inch from where he had dug, was a "pocket" of unknown size. Some bowlder, caught in the eddies of forgotten centuries, had rolled around and around in this one spot till it ground for itself a basin in the stubborn bedrock. The grinding rock was there now—he could feel with his bar its rounded side amid the fine sand with which the hole had filled before the stream built that torrent pile above and lifted its own bed by nearly twenty feet. The pothole lay partly under one end of the fallen bowlder, so that he could dig in it without danger of a serious cavein. If it was deep enough and wide enough!

He drove the bar fiercely into the hard gravel, he pried away the stones and scooped out the sand with fingers that bled to their ungentle touch. In a moment he had cleared a place large enough to let him at the buried pothole. Laying aside the heavy bar, he began to claw out the sand with frantic hands and throw it back between his legs like a rabbit burrowing. Now and then a

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REPUBLICAN CALL.

The members of the Republican County Committee are requested to meet at the Farmers' headquarters on Kennedy street, in Thursday, February 25th, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

H. H. NORTH, Chairman.

Bradford, Feb'y 10, 1892

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren county as a candidate for Congress in the 27th Congressional district, subject to the decision of the district convention of the Republican party.

HON. C. W. STONE announces his candidacy for re-nomination elsewhere in this paper. We do not hear of any opposing candidates for the Congressional nomination in the district and Mr. Stone will undoubtedly be renominated without opposition. He is rapidly forging to the front as a leader in Congress, and it is a credit to any district to be represented by a man of his character and ability.

GOV. HILL'S Convention met in Albany on Monday last and carried through his programme just as it was laid out. The protest of the Cleveland people against holding the Convention was tabled by the Hill State Committee without discussion. The kickers assembled in another hall and resolved to hold another convention on the 31st of May in the city of Syracuse. There is fun ahead.

THERE are quite a number of candidates in the field for County Treasurer. Up to this writing the following gentlemen have signified their desire to serve the people in that capacity for the coming term: Jas. A. McKean and F. S. Foster of Smethport, David A. Howells of Kane, Wm. O. Roberts of Eldred borough, D. H. Burnham of Eldred township, A. B. Walker and J. C. Greenewald of Bradford. The long est pole will knock the persimmons.

A VERY able article appears in another column from the York Gazette in reference to the recent consolidation of the Lehigh Valley and New Jersey Central Railroads with the Reading. The Gazette makes a strong point against the consolidation on the ground of its unconstitutionality. The Governor has concluded to take action in the matter and Mr McLeod, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Company, must show what basis his [illegible] founded upon.

GEN. DOBBS says that he is not a candidate for Congressman at large but he would like to return to the Senate. Gen. Dobbs is a very useful man in the Senate in many respects, but in one particular he is uniformly on the wrong side, and this is on the senatorial apportionment question. It is a burning shame that our senatorial apportionment has not been made since 1874. The effect of this neglect of duty on the part of the Legislature makes the apportionment as it now stands very unfair to many sections of the State. It gives this district with a population of 131,334 one senator while Lebanon county with only 55,[illegible] population is given a senator. There is no man in the State more responsible for years past for this state of affairs than Gen. Dobbs and we regret that we are compelled to make this statement.

MAPES AT THE HELM

It has been evident to well informed Republicans throughout the State for some time past, that the men who have started what is called the anti Quay movement are the same gang who have twice succeeded in electing a Democratic Governor and who uniformly kick over the traces when they fail to run policies to suit themselves. In fact that they are tenders to the Democratic locomotive and many of them like Mr. Geo. E. Mapes, of the Philadelphia Times are rabid free trade Democrats, although traveling under a Republican guise. Mr. Mapes has not supported a Republican State ticket since Wolfe ran for State Treasurer in 1881 and for years past it has been his study to know how he could most successfully knife the Republican party. He is one of the editors of the Philadelphia Times as bitter a Democratic paper as there is in the country, and from his room in the Times office he sends out circulars to Republicans throughout the State, urging them to organize for the defeat of Republican candidates for the Legislature. He is a pretty specimen to be advising Republicans what their duty is in the premises. On the 17th of December he was sending out these confidential" letters to Republicans who he imagined were kickers, calling on them to assist in organizing this anti Quay movement. He closes his appeal with the following:

I write you thus fully and freely of the intended movement, believing, from my former association with you, that you are in sympathy with the movement, but assured that if you are not that will treat this letter as entirely confidential. Please write me at the Times office fully and freely in regard to this matter, and as soon as possible. The movement will be a very formidable one and has every prospect of success.

Yours very truly,
GEORGE E. MAPES.

A prominent Philadelphia Republican and a member of the Union League of that city, commented freely a few days ago on the Mapes letter, in which he shows up the gall of Mr. Mapes. The comments were published in full in the Inquirer and are worth reading, but are too lengthy for our columns. The following extract shows the caustic manner in which the gentleman dissected Mr. Mapes.

"There is a letter from George E. Mapes which shows the inspiration of this movement. Mapes, the most rabid alleged Republican and supporter of Democratic candidates for office who have been in the State, Mapes, was at the head and front of the Wolfe and the Stewart independent movements; Mapes, who was responsible for the defeat of General Beaver in 1882, and who was chairman of the independent Republican Committee that elected Pattison Governor for a second time, Mapes, the Democratic free trade editor with headquarters in the office of the Democratic free trade Philadelphia Times, is the real leader of this latest movement in Pennsylvania politics. Though compelled to keep in the back ground and to work the wires from his editorial rooms in the Times, George E. Mapes is the actual manager of the present campaign."

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, February 22d, 1892.

Politically speaking politics does conduce to permanent friendships and the friends of the successful office seekers are often turned down when they become useless or when the office seekers finds more willing hands to do his bidding. This is true just now of Governor Pattison who in his second term as Executive of the State has discarded the friends who made his first election a possibility and his administration as much of a success as a democratic administration can be a success, and he has taken up with new friends who have used him to advance personal and selfish ambitions and who with knowing winks pat Mr. Pattison on the back and say go in Bob.

This estrangement of former political friends of Governor Pattison is very marked in Philadelphia, where the anti Pattison demonstrations are very formidable notwithstanding the denials in the Daily Party Press.

The fight is to a man up the tree on the question of the control of the of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Chicago Convention and if published rumors have any truth in them the recent deal of the Reading railroad and the violation of the State Constitution which has been seemingly winked at has played a very prominent part. I will not rehearse the details of the deal but will give you only current rumor as appears in the daily papers.

Those who are very near the Executive throne it has been reported knew of the proposed unlawful combination about ten days or longer before its consummation and that they were even consulted as to the probable action of the State authorities in case the combine of rival and competing roads should be made.

The price to be paid for non interference, was the combined power of the consolidated roads so rumor goes in the political management of the employees so that the Chicago delegation to the National Democratic Convention from the Keystone State should be under the absolute control of one man or that it could be used as the boss should dictate. In other words it was a bold attempt of politicians to Hillize Pennsylvania.

After the monopolistic combine had been consummated Governor Pattison announced his intention of taking a trip to the sunny south for the purpose of recruiting his health. This was at once seized upon by the enemies of the Governor as showing a desire to run away to avoid meeting the issues that were sure to rise by the deal.

The simon pure Cleveland organs who place no stock in the sincerity of the boasted fight Pattison's party was making for the Mayor of [illegible] street. New York city were especially caustic in their reports and some even went so far as to say that now Pennsylvania's delegates to Chicago had been [illegible] the trip south was to be made for the purpose of gathering in some of the southern States to strengthen the Pattison boom for the Presidential nomination at the Chicago Convention.

It would take columns to review all that has been written about this funny polith railroad deal and the unaccountable indifference the State Administration has shown to prevent the gross violations of the State Constitution for which sacred instrument as manifested on a former occasion the Governor professed such profound love and respect.

It seems as if the Governor was disposed to make fish of one and fowl of the other, but the best laid plans of mice and men aft gang agley so in the present case because of the able letter and strong argument and protest of Mr. A. J. Cassatt of the P. R. R. and the vigorous objections of Terrence V. Powderly of the K. of L. against the deal the southern trip has been cut short, while it is said that the Governor is beginning to think that his dear State Constitution has in reality been violated as much in the present deal as it was in the celebrated South Pennsylvania deal and which Attorney General Cassidy was so prompt to jump on with both of his judicial feet several years ago.

The entire State is interested in the final disposal of the present question and well it may be, for should it stand it simply means that the entire output of Anthracite coal will be in the hands of one man who controls the combination, and he alone can say and will say whether coal shall be advanced in price to the consumer one, two or three dollars per ton or even more. This is the meaning of the combination so recently effected and the State Constitution clearly sets its condemnation on any combination of rival capital or interests for the purpose of dictating the price or prices of any commodity in general use.

The Attorney General has been given charge of the case and he has been asked by the Governor to make such inquiry as the importance of the case demands.

Our local spring elections passed off quietly and the republicans got together and so far as could be at this election, redeemed the city to the republicans. Councils are republican in both branches this assures the election of a republican successor to the present democratic City Solicitor. At our next Municipal election for Mayor there is every reason to look for the election of a republican to succeed the present democratic Executive.

Washington's birthday anniversary is passing without any special observance and everything is unusually quiet. The Departments on the "Hill" are closed while the Arsenal force fired a salute at 12 in honor of the occasion. The places of business are generally open for trade and one hears but few inquires as to "who was George Washington.

ALCHOPT.

Auditors' Report

—OF THE—

Finances of McKean County,

TOGETHER WITH THE

COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT

FOR 1891.

L. ROGERS, Treasurer of McKean County, in account with the State, County, Dog, Redemption and County Road Funds of said County for the year 1891.

COUNTY FUND

	Dr		
To Am't due fund last Auditors report	$21156 70		
To am't charged Treasurer by county commissioners	1767 80		
To am't seated county tax collected acc't 1887, '88, '89, '90 and '91	20598 10		
To am't unseated county tax collected 1890 and '91	6539 54		
To am't state tax collected, 1887, '88, '89, '90 and '91	8015 [illegible]		
To am't jury fees rec'd from Walter Grubb, sheriff	179 00		
To am't fines received from Walter Grubb, sheriff	118 50		
To am't Commonwealth costs rec'd from Walter Grubb, sheriff	1033 65		
To am't transferred from Dog fund	100 00		
To am't rec'd acc't licenses granted	3676 25	71183 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancel'd	53311 94		
By county school sup't, [illegible]	200 00		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1607 47		
Balance due fund	16523 14	71183 [illegible]	

DOG FUND

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To Dog tax collected acc't 1887, '88, '89, '90 and '91	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By am't transferred to county fund	100 00		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	

REDEMPTION FUND

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To am't received for redemption	[illegible]	1341 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1341 [illegible]	

COUNTY BRIDGE BOND

	Dr		
To am't rec'd from sale of bonds	9000 00	9000 00	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	3136 [illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 1½ per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	5[illegible]	9000 00	

We the Auditors of McKean County, having examined the accounts and vouchers of L. Rogers, Treasurer of said county, in account with the foregoing funds for the year 1891 do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 13th day of Feb'y 1892.

A. N. HEARD,
H. C. WELLS, } Auditors.
J. O. LIDDELL,

L. ROGERS, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the funds of McKean County Poor District for the year 1891.

POOR FUND

	Dr		
To am't seated taxes collected acc't 1891, '90, '89 and '91	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]		
To am't sundry items from poor farm	[illegible]		
To am't received from sale of bonds	[illegible]		
To am't overpaid	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By am't overpaid last year	[illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 1½ per cent	[illegible]	[illegible]	

POOR BUILDING FUND

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To am't seated taxes collected acc't 1891, '90, '89 and '91	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]		
To am't rec'd from M. Kean Bros. on acc't of contract	[illegible]		
To am't received from sale of bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By bonds paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By interest on poor bonds	[illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at [illegible]	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	

We the Auditors of McKean County, having examined the accounts and vouchers of L. Rogers, Treasurer of said county, in account with the funds of McKean County Poor District for the year 1891 do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 13th day of Feb'y 1892.

A. N. HEARD,
J. O. LIDDELL, } Auditors.
H. C. WELLS,

L. ROGERS, Treasurer of McKean County, in account with the Road, Special Road and Road Bond Funds of said county for the year 1891.

Annin Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	143 44	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	139 39		
By commission on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	61 43	143 44	

Bradford Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	140 94		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	203 10	344 11	
	Cr		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	4 18		
Balance due fund	279 72	284 11	

Ceres Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	113 36		
To unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	30 00	143 43	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	113 [illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	29 [illegible]	143 43	

Corydon Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	281 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	220 [illegible]	501 41	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	65 [illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	7 80		
Balance due fund	431 37	501 41	

Eldred Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	95 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	117 [illegible]	213 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	113 [illegible]	213 [illegible]	

Foster Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	140 44		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	175 [illegible]	300 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	43 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	300 [illegible]	

Hamilton Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	764 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	764 [illegible]	

Hamlin Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	1477 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1477 [illegible]	

Keating Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	

Lafayette Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	872 52		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	1227 [illegible]	2100 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	2100 [illegible]	

Liberty Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	223 41		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	551 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	551 [illegible]	

Norwich Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	1145 [illegible]	1475 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1475 [illegible]	

Otto Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	179 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	113 [illegible]	293 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	179 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	113 [illegible]	293 [illegible]	

Sergeant Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	935 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	2295 [illegible]	3233 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	2731 [illegible]	3233 [illegible]	

Wetmore Township—Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	175 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	1443 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 1 per cent	14 61		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1430 [illegible]	

Annin Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	63 22		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	41 [illegible]	125 21	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	43 33		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1 46		
Balance due fund	80 [illegible]	125 21	

Ceres Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	42 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	14 [illegible]	57 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	42 [illegible]		
By commission on $14 [illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	13 [illegible]	57 [illegible]	

Corydon Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	143 44	143 44	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	143 44	143 44	

Eldred Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	9 07	9 07	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	9 07	9 07	

Foster Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	[illegible]		
To unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	[illegible]	129 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	129 [illegible]	

Hamlin Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	253 30	253 30	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	253 30	253 30	

Hamilton Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	343 30	343 30	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	343 30	343 30	

Keating Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	831 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	[illegible]	1214 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	831 [illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	331 [illegible]	1214 [illegible]	

Otto Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	10 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	11 [illegible]	21 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	10 [illegible]		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	10 [illegible]	21 [illegible]	

Lafayette Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	240 [illegible]	240 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	7 20		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	240 [illegible]	

Wetmore Township—Special Road.

	Dr		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	43 [illegible]	43 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1 31		
Balance due fund	41 [illegible]	43 [illegible]	

Annin Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	54 80		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	90 [illegible]	145 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	54 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	2 71		
Balance due fund	87 [illegible]	145 [illegible]	

Ceres Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	28 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	14 [illegible]	42 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	28 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	14 [illegible]	42 [illegible]	

Eldred Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	30 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and '91	33 [illegible]	61 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	30 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1 [illegible]		
Balance due fund	30 [illegible]	61 [illegible]	

Hamilton Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	33 [illegible]	33 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	33 [illegible]	33 [illegible]	

Hamlin Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	134 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and 1891	388 [illegible]	522 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	134 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	347 [illegible]	522 [illegible]	

Keating Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	30 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	30 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	149 [illegible]	[illegible]	

Lafayette Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and 1891	371 [illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	11 [illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	

Norwich Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1890 and 1891	440 [illegible]	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	[illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	

Otto Township—Road Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	63 19		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891	63 [illegible]	126 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	60 19		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1 83		
Balance due fund	61 17	120 [illegible]	

We the Auditors of McKean County having examined the accounts and vouchers of L. Rogers, Treasurer of said County in account with the foregoing accounts for the year 1891 do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 13th day of February, 1892.

A. N. HEARD,
H. C. WELLS, } Auditors.
J. O. LIDDELL.

L. Rogers, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the school School Building, and School Bond funds for the year 1891.

Annin Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	124 01		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	174 12	298 13	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	124 01		
By commission on $174 12 at 3 per cent	5 22		
Balance due fund	168 90	298 13	

Bradford Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	320 42		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	281 95	602 37	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	320 42		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	8 46		
Balance due fund	273 49	602 37	

Ceres Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	144 75		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	33 79	178 53	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	144 75		
By commission on $33 79 at 3 per cent	1 01		
Balance due fund	32 77	178 53	

Corydon Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	681 25		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	324 16	1005 41	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	779 25		
By commission on $324 16 at 3 per cent	9 72		
Balance due fund	219 44	1005 41	

Eldred Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	724 00		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	184 33	912 33	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	728 00		
By commission on $184 33 at 3 per cent	5 53		
Balance due fund	178 80	912 33	

Foster Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	704 37		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	533 [illegible]	1233 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	704 37		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	15 93		
Balance due fund	513 61	1233 [illegible]	

Hamlin Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	1057 26		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and 1892	1240 [illegible]	2297 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	1077 54		
By commissions on $1240 [illegible] at 3 per cent	37 21		
Balance due fund	1203 07	2297 [illegible]	

Hamilton Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	776 31		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	[illegible]	1,[illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	776 31		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	14 09		
Balance due fund	454 [illegible]	1,[illegible]	

Keating Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	777 35		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	2017 31	2794 71	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	777 36		
By commissions on $2007 35 at 3 per cent	60 22		
Balance due fund	1957 13	2794 71	

Keating Township—School Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditors report	2704 36		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	123 42	2[illegible] 78	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	2704 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	3 71		
Balance due fund	120 [illegible]	[illegible]	

Lafayette Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	2502 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	1421 11	3[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	2503 25		
By commissions on $1421 11 at 3 per cent	34 63		
Balance due fund	1406 [illegible]	[illegible]	

Liberty Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	358 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	[illegible] 10	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	361 60		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	15 41		
Balance due fund	533 59	[illegible]	

Norwich Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	[illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	1115 [illegible]	1005 70	
	Cr		
By orders paid and cancelled	1050 [illegible]		
By commissions on $1115 [illegible] at 3 per cent	33 45		
Balance due fund	[illegible]	1006 70	

Otto Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	335 84		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and '92	271 27	655 11	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	230 94		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	8 [illegible]		
Balance due fund	267 61	655 11	

Sergeant Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	273 [illegible]		
To am't unseated school taxes collected acc't 1891 and 1892	2296 96	2570 [illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	1123 [illegible]		
By commissions on $2290 [illegible] at 3 per cent	21 91		
Balance due school fund	1425 [illegible]	2570 [illegible]	

Smethport Borough—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	113 [illegible]		
To am't unseated school taxes collected acc't 1891 and 1892	132 [illegible]	245 31	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	113 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	3 [illegible]		
Balance due school fund	129 12	245 31	

Smethport Borough School Bond.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	21 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and 1892	14 40	[illegible]	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	21 43		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	1 [illegible]		
Balance due fund	37 [illegible]	[illegible]	

Wetmore Township—S and B.

	Dr		
To am't due last auditor's report	1343 [illegible]		
To am't unseated taxes collected acc't 1891 and 1892	[illegible]	2221 43	
	Cr		
By order paid and cancelled	1203 [illegible]		
By commissions on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	17 43		
Balance due fund	1256 [illegible]	2221 43	

Eldred Borough.

	Dr.		
To am't due last auditor's report	1 31	1 31	
	Cr		
Balance due fund	1 31	1 31	

Port Allegany Borough.

To am't due last auditors report	4 13		
To am't taxes collected acc't 1892	8 70	13 [illegible]	
	Cr.		
By commission on $[illegible] at 3 per cent	[illegible]		
Balance due fund	12 [illegible]	12 [illegible]	

RECAPITULATION.

To bal. due county fund	16,523 14	
" " dog fund	1,311 [illegible]	
" " redemption fund	2,[illegible]	
" " county bridge fund	5,[illegible]	
" " poor bld'g	[illegible]	
" " Annin road	61 [illegible]	
" " Bradford road	279 72	
" " Ceres road	[illegible]	
" " Corydon road	431 37	
" " Eldred road	113 [illegible]	
" " Foster road	[illegible]	
" " Hamilton road	[illegible]	
" " Hamlin road	1 [illegible]	
" " Keating road	[illegible]	
" " Lafayette road	1 674 18	
" " Liberty road	437 15	
" " Norwich road	1 125 [illegible]	
" " Otto road	113 [illegible]	
" " Sergeant road	2731 [illegible]	
" " Wetmore road	913 78	
" " Annin special road	80 [illegible]	
" " Ceres special road	13 [illegible]	
" " Foster special road	127 [illegible]	
" " Keating special road	331 [illegible]	
" " Lafayette sp'l road	232 [illegible]	
" " Otto special road	10 [illegible]	
" " Wetmore special road	41 [illegible]	
" " Annin road bond	87 71	
" " Ceres road bond	14 [illegible]	
" " Eldred road bond	30 [illegible]	
" " Hamlin road bond	347 63	
To Balance due Keating road bond	149 17	
To bal. due Lafayette road bond	360 [illegible]	
To balance due Norwich road bond	431 [illegible]	
To bal. due Otto road bond	61 17	
To balance due Annin school and building	168 90	
To bal. due Bradford school and building	273 49	
To bal. due Ceres school and building	32 77	
To bal. due Corydon school and building	219 44	
To balance due Eldred school and building	178 80	
To balance due Foster school and building	513 [illegible]	
To bal. due Hamlin school and building	1203 07	
To bal. due Hamilton school and building	454 [illegible]	
To bal. due Keating school and building	1957 13	
To bal. due Lafayette school and building	1406 [illegible]	
To bal. due Liberty school and building	533 59	
To bal. due Norwich school and building	[illegible]	
To balance due Otto school and building	267 61	
To bal. due Sergeant school and building	1425 [illegible]	
To bal. due Smethport school and building	129 12	
To bal. due Wetmore school and building	1256 [illegible]	
To bal. due Keating school bond	120 11	
To bal. due Smethport school bond	37 [illegible]	
To bal. due Eldred borough	1 31	
To bal. due Port Allegany borough	12 [illegible]	
To bal. due on acc't licenses	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff of McKean County in account with said county for the year 1891.

	Cr		
By publishing election proclamation	1 00		
By commissions on $118 50 at 3 per cent	3 55		
By boarding prisoners 1141 weeks 3 days at $3 75	4451 42		
By taking prisoners to Western Penitentiary	715 01		
By drawing and summoning jurors for 1891	279 [illegible]		
By fines paid Treasurer	118 50		
By jury fees paid Treasurer	179 00		
By Commonwealth costs paid Treasurer	1033 65	6761 96	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	4700 00		
To fines collected	118 50		
To jury fees collected	179 00		
To Commonwealth costs collected	1033 65		
Balance due Walter Grubb sheriff	730 81	6761 96	

We the auditors of McKean county having examined the accounts and vouchers of Walter Grubb Sheriff of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1891 do find them as above stated. Witness our hands and seals at Smethport this 19th day of February 1892.

H. C. WELLS,
J. O. LIDDELL, } Auditors.
A. N. HEARD,

A. D. Heffner, Coroner of McKean County in account with said County for the year 1891 by services and expenses of holding inquisitions on the following named persons

	Cr		
Wm Vosburg	37 02		
Jno P. Horne	7 12		
T. H. Stuart	7 12		
Chas. Cannon	7 12		
A. Reilly	53 61	118 60	
	Dr		
To orders drawn	118 60	118 60	

We the Auditors of McKean County, having examined the accounts and vouchers of A. D. Heffner, Coroner of said County in account with said County for the year 1891, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals, at Smethport, this 15th day of Feby 1892.

A. N. HEARD,
H. C. WELLS, } Auditors.
J. O. LIDDELL,

James Biggins, Frank D. Simar and J. H. Tate, Commissioners, and James Anglun, P. M. Fuller, Jas. A. McKean, ex-commissioners of McKean county, in account with said county for the year 1891

James Biggins.

	Cr		
By 210 days services as commissioner for year 1891 at $3.50	735 00	735 00	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	400 00		
Balance due James Biggins	335 00	735 00	

Frank D. Simar

	Cr		
By 253 days services as commissioner for year 1891 at $3 50	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	[illegible]		
Balance due Frank D. Simar	[illegible]	[illegible]	

J. H. Tate

	Cr		
By 1[illegible] days services as commissioner for year 1891 at $3 50	601 11	601 11	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	445 00		
Balance due J. H. Tate	156 13	601 11	

James Anglun

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors report	46 00	46 00	
	Dr		
To order paid	46 00	46 00	

P. M. Fuller

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors report	20 70	20 70	
	Dr		
To order paid	20 70	20 70	

J. A. McKean

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors report	16 90	16 90	
	Cr		
To order paid	16 90	16 90	

We the auditors of McKean county having examined the accounts and vouchers of James Biggins, Frank D. Simar and J. H. Tate, Commissioners, and James Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean, ex-Commissioners of McKean county in account with McKean county for the year 1891 do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport this 15th day of February, 1892.

A. N. HEARD,
J. O. LIDDELL, } Auditors
H. C. WELLS,

James Biggins, Frank D. Simar and J. H. Tate Commissioners, and Jas. Anglun, P. M. Fuller and Jas. A. McKean ex Commissioners of McKean county, in account with the McKean County Poor District for the year 1891.

James Biggins.

	Cr		
By 60 days services as commissioner for year 1891 at $3.50	210 00	210 00	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	175 00		
Balance due James Biggins	35 00	210 00	

Frank D. Simar

	Cr.		
By 21½ days services as commissioner for year 1891 at $3.50	85 75	85 75	
	Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	75 00		
Balance due Frank D. Simar	10 75	85 75	

J. H. Tate,

	Cr		
By 3[illegible] days services as commissioner for year 1891, at $3.50	130 37	130 37	
	Dr		
To orders drawn on account	130 00		
Balance due J. H. Tate	37	130 37	

James Anglun

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors' report	14 00	14 00	
	Dr		
To order paid	14 00	14 00	

P. M. Fuller

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors' report	45 70	45 70	
	Dr		
To order paid	45 70	45 70	

Jas. A. McKean

	Cr		
By amount due last auditors' report	00 00	00 00	
	Dr		
To order paid	00 00	00 00	

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COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT

Showing Receipts and Expenditures of McKean County for the Year Ending December 31st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

To amount due fund last auditors' report	21156 70	
To amount charged Treasurer by county commissioners	1767 80	
To amount seated county tax collected account 1887, '88, '89, '90 and '91	20598 10	
To amount unseated county tax collected account 1890 and '91	6539 54	
To amount State tax collected account 1887, '88, '89, '90 and '91	8015 [illegible]	
To amount jury fees received from Walter Grubb sheriff	179 00	
To amount fines received from Walter Grubb, sheriff	118 50	
To amount Commonwealth costs received from Walter Grubb, sheriff	1033 65	
To amount transfered from dog fund	100 00	
To amount received account licenses granted	3676 25	71183 65

EXPENDITURES

Paid county school superintendent's salary expenses	200 00	
Paid county treasurer commission	1607 47	
Paid James Anglun bal 1890	46 00	
" P. M. Fuller "	20 70	
" J. A. McKean "	16 90	
" W. B. Clarke "	130 35	
" James Biggins on acc't	400 00	
" F. D. Simar "	[illegible]	
" J. H. Tate "	445 00	
" commissioners clerk and assistants	[illegible]	
Paid court house janitor	[illegible]	
" assessors on assessments	[illegible]	
" Commonwealth costs court, crier and tipstaves	[illegible]	
Paid Smethport Water Co.	[illegible]	
" books and stationery	[illegible]	
" Western Penitentiary	[illegible]	
" road views and damages	530 00	
Paid jury commissioners and clerk	[illegible]	
Paid court stenographers	[illegible]	
" Walter Grubb sheriff, on acc't	4700 00	
Paid county auditors	[illegible]	
" election expenses	2165 24	
" printing and publishing	[illegible]	
" indigent soldier expense	[illegible]	
Paid freight, telegrams, express and postage	84 [illegible]	
Paid justice fees and discharged transcripts	[illegible]	
Paid coroner's and justices inquests	134 [illegible]	
Paid court house expense	[illegible]	
" court crier returns	[illegible]	
" grand jurors	[illegible]	
" traverse "	[illegible]	
" military enrollment	[illegible]	
" Smethport [illegible] Co.	1180 00	
Paid rewards for Jas Mack and T. Powell and expense	250 [illegible]	
Paid J. M. McElroy mortgages and judgments and prothonotary's fees	[illegible]	
Paid fair appropriation	[illegible]	
" miscellaneous	[illegible]	
" Penna. Reform School	[illegible]	
" State taxes	[illegible]	
" court house square expense	[illegible]	
Paid taxes refunded	[illegible]	
" assessors on registry	[illegible]	
" ice house	[illegible]	
" jail expenses	[illegible]	
" commissioners' counsel	150 00	
	[illegible]	
Balance in treasury	[illegible]	
	71183 [illegible]	

Statement showing assets and liabilities of McKean county for the year ending January 4 1892

ASSETTS.

	Dog	State	County
Am't due from John Calhoun coll. Kendall boro 1887	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am't due from J. G. Curtis coll. Hamilton twp 1888	13 27		
Am't due from E. R. Sherman coll. Kendall boro, 1888	25 70	38 25	275 [illegible]
Am't due from Thos. Osborne coll. Bradford City 1st Ward 1890	[illegible]	58 20	[illegible]
Am't due from T. C. Flanigan coll. Bradford city 2d ward 1890	50 00	4[illegible] 15	490 18
Am't due from R. W. Murray coll. Bradford city 3d ward 1890	53 00	163 [illegible]	[illegible] 50
Am't due from R. W. Murray coll. Bradford city 4th ward 1890	21 50		
Am't due from N. J. Stanton coll. Bradford city 5th ward 1890	5 00	8 60	459 00
Am't due from R. Shaby coll. Corydon township 1890	[illegible]	5 31	23 00
Am't due from H. G. Heath coll. Eldred boro 1890	9 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am't due from J. K. Bates coll. Hamilton township 1890	83 00	[illegible]	108 50
Am't due from W. W. Penhollow coll. Kendall boro, 1891	46 00	[illegible]	10[illegible] 45
Am't due from John Acre coll. Liberty township 1890	11 55		
Am't due from M. T. Shurtz coll. Port Allegany boro 1890	21 00	25 31	[illegible]
Am't due from Jno. O. Sonbergh coll. Sergeant township 1890	40 00	9 75	4[illegible] 30
Am't due from Wm Wilkins coll. Wetmore township 1890	24 19		
Am't due from H. A. June coll. Annin township 1891	[illegible]	12 22	316 71
Am't due from J. L. Morris coll. Bradford township 1891	119 00	31 44	996 71
Am't due from Thos. Osborne coll. Bradford city 1st ward 1891	19 00	398 49	1494 [illegible]
Am't due from T. C. Flanigan coll. Bradford city 2d ward 1891	21 00	10[illegible]	2250 [illegible]
Am't due from R. W. Murray coll. Bradford city 3d ward, 1891	18 00	414 41	1303 [illegible]
Am't due from R. W. Murray coll. Bradford city 4th ward 1891	[illegible]	[illegible]	1163 00
Am't due from I. D. Gowdy coll. Bradford city 5th ward, 1891	[illegible]	9 06	741 [illegible]
Am't due from F. B. Lanphere coll. Ceres township 1891	124 40	43 8[illegible]	398 34
Am't due from E. J. Butler coll. Corydon township 1891	83 00	12 1[illegible]	234 [illegible]
Am't due from W. F. Burr coll. Eldred boro 1891	16 00	3[illegible] 18	4[illegible] 01
Am't due from D. H. Burnham coll. Eldred township 1891	99 00	17 45	318 63
Am't due from E. F. Howe, coll. Foster township 1891	142 97	114 9[illegible]	1769 24
Am't due from G. H. Sparks coll. Hamilton township 1891	60 00	8 25	347 58
Am't due from Jno. Gibbs coll. Hamlin township 1891	84 55	5 10	353 11
Am't due from C. B. Gillis coll. Kane boro 1891	105 00	72 28	447 24
Am't due from A. A. Daly coll. Keating township 1891	207 00	65 53	768 45
Am't due from Wm Dobie coll. Kendall boro, 1891	101 00	311 67	873 05
Am't due from Jno. Hoop coll. Lafayette township 1891	71 72	1 75	161 79
Am't due from Jno. Acre, coll. Liberty township 1891	130 55	13 81	271 81
Am't due from N. C. Gallup coll. Norwich township 1891	46 00	...	108 30
Am't due from Z. Wilson coll. Otto township 1891	103 00	53 53	1380 45
Am't due from M. T. Shurtz coll. Port Allegany boro, 1891	40 00	70 00	145 65
Am't due from Jacob Hafner coll. Sergeant township 1891	46 00	9 00	165 53
Am't due from Charles Lemmler coll. Smethport boro, 1891	24 40	10 62	207 19
Am't due from W. Wilkins coll. Wetmore township, 1891	75 17	11 52	356 66
	2007[illegible] 41	5[illegible] 17	2[illegible] 61

Am't due from unseated taxes, 1890-91	[illegible]
County funds in Treasury	16[illegible] 14
	[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

To Walter Grubb sheriff, bal. of '91	730 81	
To James Biggins, bal of 1891	335 00	
Frank D. Simar, bal. of 1891	75 [illegible]	
" J. H. Tate bal. of 1891	156 13	
" Commonwealth costs and sundry items, estimated	1000 00	
To State taxes	[illegible]	
" Western Penitentiary	2470 [illegible]	
Assets in excess of liabilities	[illegible]	[illegible]

Amounts due from collectors are subject to rebate, commissions and exonerations.

BRIDGE FUND.

ASSETTS.

Amount due Fund	5784 0[illegible]	
Liabilities in excess of assets	4[illegible]	10[illegible] 17

LIABILITIES.

Bridge bonds outstanding	9000 00	
Interest on bridge bonds	1[illegible]	10[illegible] 17

We, the undersigned, commissioners of McKean county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statements of receipts and expenditures and assetts and liabilities are correct and true.

JAMES BIGGINS,
FRANK D. SIMAR,
J. H. TATE,
Commissioners.

Attest:
MURRAY R. GREEN, Clerk.
Smethport, Pa., Feb 19, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

To amount due poor building fund last auditors report	[illegible]	
To amount seated poor building tax collected account 1887, '88, '89, '90, '91	[illegible]	
To amount unseated poor building tax collected account 1890, '91	[illegible]	
To amount unseated poor building tax collected account 1890, '91	[illegible]	
To amount received sundry items from the poor farm	[illegible]	
To amount received from McKean Bros. on account contract	[illegible]	
To amount received from miscellaneous	[illegible]	
To amount received from sale of bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Jas. Anglun bal. of 1890	14 00	
" P. M. Fuller bal. 1890	45 70	
" Jas. A. McKean bal. 1890	00 00	
" E. R. Mayo commissioners' counsel	[illegible]	
Paid salary and wages	[illegible]	
" provisions	[illegible]	
" fuel and light	[illegible]	
" clothing	[illegible]	
" furniture	[illegible]	
" medicine and supplies	[illegible]	
" ordinary repairs	[illegible]	
" traveling expenses	[illegible]	
" farm expenses	[illegible]	
" buildings and improvements	[illegible]	
Paid justice fees	[illegible]	
" other extra expenses	[illegible]	
" county auditors	[illegible]	
" physicians and medicine contract	[illegible]	
Paid Penna. Lunatic Hospital	[illegible]	
" Warren State Hospital	[illegible]	
" printing and publishing	[illegible]	
" F. D. Simar on acc't	[illegible]	
" Jas Biggins on acc't	[illegible]	
" J. H. Tate on acc't	[illegible]	
" taxes refunded	[illegible]	
" commissioners' clerk	[illegible]	
" pauper expenses, outside relief	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	

Statement showing Assets and Liabilities of McKean County Poor District for year ending January 4, 1892.

ASSETTS.

	Poor	P. B'ld'g
Am't due from Jno. Calhoun, coll. Kendall boro, 1887		17 [illegible]
Am't due from E. R. Sherman, coll. Kendall boro, 1888	29 67	42 14
Am't due from H. Schoby, coll. Kendall boro, 1890	14 [illegible]	7 22
Am't due from H. G. Heath coll. Eldred boro, 1890	56 [illegible]	18 46
Am't due from J. K. Bates, coll. Hamilton twp, 1890	214 [illegible]	10[illegible] 72
Am't due from W. W. Penhollow, coll. Kendall boro, 1890	[illegible]	21 47
Am't due from M. T. Shurtz, coll. Port Allegany boro, 1890	29 76	18 17
Am't due from Jno. O. Sonbergh, coll. Sergeant twp, 1890	149 00	71 49
Am't due from H. A. June, coll. Annin twp, 1891	163 45	80 50
Am't due from J. L. Morris, coll. Bradford twp, 1891	493 00	238 44
Am't due from F. B. Lanphere, coll. Ceres twp, 1891	344 44	772 [illegible]
Am't due from [illegible], coll. [illegible]	117 [illegible]	80 [illegible]
Am't due from [illegible], coll. [illegible]	164 36	67 71
Am't due from [illegible], coll. [illegible]	399 95	144 11
Am't due from [illegible], coll. Foster twp, 1891	607 21	414 34
Am't due from [illegible], coll. Hamlin twp, 1891	304 [illegible]	133 77
Am't due from Jno. Gibbs, coll. [illegible]	176 [illegible]	69 [illegible]
Am't due from C. B. Gillis, coll. Kane boro, 1891	374 [illegible]	139 [illegible]
Am't due from A. A. Daly, coll. Keating twp, 1891	360 [illegible]	348 [illegible]
Am't due from Wm. Dobie, coll. Kendall boro, 1891	165 [illegible]	94 [illegible]
Am't due from Jno. Hoop, coll. Lafayette twp, 1891	166 [illegible]	54 [illegible]
Am't due from Jno. Acre, coll. Liberty twp, 1891	287 38	146 77
Am't due from N. C. Gallup, coll. Norwich twp, 1891	88 41	34 40
Am't due from Z. Wilson, coll. Otto twp, 1891	640 17	387 [illegible]
Am't due from M. T. Shurtz, coll. Port Allegany boro, 1891	174 04	78 34
Am't due from Jacob Hafner, coll. Sergeant twp, 1891	91 [illegible]	43 7[illegible]
Am't due from Chas. Lemmler, coll. Smethport boro, 1891	108 51	53 [illegible]
Am't due from W. Wilkins, coll. Wetmore twp, 1891	467 97	238 01
	6785 73	3278 74
		6[illegible] 73
		9[illegible] 51
Am't due from McKean Bros. on account contract		900 40
Am't due from A. Longfre on account purchase		7[illegible] 40
Poor building fund in treasury		6[illegible] 78
Am't due from unseated poor taxes for 1890 and '91		6[illegible] 90
Am't due from unseated poor building taxes for 1890 and '91	3000 00	
Am't due from others poor districts	667 78	
Estimated value of Wilcox property in Foster twp.	1000 00	
Liabilities in excess of assetts	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Poor bonds outstanding	41000 00	
Interest on poor bonds	[illegible]	
James Biggins bal. of 1891	35 00	
Frank D. Simar, bal. of 1891	10 75	
J. H. Tate, bal. of 1891	37	
Balance due poor fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

Amounts due from collectors are subject to rebate, commissions and exonerations.

We, the undersigned, commissioners of McKean County poor district, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures and assetts and liabilities are correct and true.

JAMES BIGGINS,
FRANK D. SIMAR,
J. H. TATE,
Commissioners.

Attest:
MURRAY R. GREEN, Clerk.
Smethport, Pa., Feb. 19, 1892.

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Smethport, Pa., Feb 19, 1892

LOCAL AND GENERAL

NOTICE.

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Court week

—Almost time for blue birds.

—Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the beginning of lent

—The Auditors report will be found on the second page of this issue

—Daniel Martin says that a sure sign of no more sleighing and an early spring is that the woods are full of chipmunks.

—A delegation of Duke Centre Union [illegible] visited Smethport Union on Wednesday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent.

—Moss Coleman was called to New York on Monday by a dispatch announcing the death of his grandfather who resided in that city

—The Augusta Mines Colored Comedy Company played to good houses on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at the opera house and gave general satisfaction

—Smethport Lodge I. O. O. F. will entertain their brothers from Bradford this evening. Those who are fortunate enough to be [illegible] will long remember the occasion

—By reason of the crowded state of our advertising columns, many important items are crowded out of this issue. For the same reason our local correspondence is left out

—In consequence of the illness of Rev. B. F. Delong the lecture announced for Tuesday evening last has been indefinitely postponed. Due notice will be given of its delivery

—The B. B. & K. railroad was sold on Thursday of last week. H. K. Pomeroy, J. B. McGeorge and J. R. Ewing of New York and D. H. Jack of Bradford are the purchasers

—An Irishman's Luck Co. will give an entertainment at Kittredge Opera House next Monday evening. The company is highly recommended by the press as being an exceptionally good one

—I. W. Mason has two houses in a partially finished condition for sale at a bargain. The buildings will be completed to suit purchasers or sold in their present condition. Terms easy

There will be services at the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening. Should Rev. B. F. Delong be unable to officiate Rev. C. F. Odell of the Genesee Conference, will conduct the services.

—M. N. Allen has purchased a lot on Main street, between Pine and Nelson streets, and will erect a residence thereon at an early day. The location is a desirable one and in what is destined to be the finest resident portion of Smethport.

—Another of those delightful entertainments of which Smethport is somewhat noted was given by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Young at their palatial residence on upper Main St. on Wednesday evening of this week. About a hundred people enjoyed their hospitality

—Mrs. Maria Emery mother of Hon. Lewis Emery, Jr. died at her home in Hillsdale, Mich. on Sunday last aged 83 years. She was an exemplary christian woman and was much beloved by her children. We sympathize with Senator Emery and other friends in their great loss.

—A meeting of the McKean County Association G. A. R. will be held in the hall of Post 141 in Bradford on Tuesday March 15th, at 1 p. m. Important business will be considered at this meeting and a general attendance of representatives of the several Posts of the county is desired.

—"Conversation clubs" are the raging fad in villages just at present. The system with variations, is to agree on a subject and call upon each member for a few minutes speech. To the unpracticed the short space of time seems an eternity but the gain in facility of felicitous expression is said to be remarkable after a few trials.

—We were inadvertently led into announcing last week the marriage of Mr. Archie Nutton, of Kendall Creek and Miss Mary Grigsby of this place. The item came to us direct from a Kendall correspondent confirmed by notices in one at least of our exchanges. We are assured by the young lady in question, who has been placed in a very embarrassing position, that there is no truth in the rumor

—Arrangements have been entered into whereby the Rev Orbs Jeffrey of Flemington, West Va. becomes the pastor of the Baptist church in this place. Mr. Jeffrey has already moved his family here and is occupying the parsonage on Water street. The reverend gentleman has made a very favorable impression and we bespeak for him a warm welcome. He will occupy the pulpit next and each succeeding Sunday at the usual hours.

—Enoch Marsh, an old resident of Warren Co., died at Sugar Run, Feb 15th, aged 77 years. Mr. Marsh was well known to many persons in Warren and McKean counties. He had lived on what was known as "Kinzua Flats" for more than 60 years. He was a man of high character and peculiar cast of mind, a man of indomitable energy and decided conviction. His business was farming and lumbering and he had acquired a handsome property. His final malady was the grip, terminating in pneumonia.

—George Smith, the brakeman who had his leg so terribly mangled in the railroad accident, at Crosby, on Thursday of last week, died at Freeman's Sanitarium, in that place, between eleven and twelve o'clock, Saturday morning last. A reaction took place on that morning and the injured limb was amputated. Nellis rallied from the operation, but soon began to fail and died soon after. His remains were taken to Bradford on the evening train that day. He leaves a wife and one son, who were at his bedside in his last moments.

—The band boys scored a big success Monday. Their dance on that evening was one of the pleasantest affairs ever held in Smethport. At an early hour the guests began to arrive and the hall was soon filled. The supper served by the ladies of the members of the band was one of the finest ever spread in this place. The music furnished by the orchestra was excellent and had it not been for the calling few if any being able to catch the changes, a complete success could be announced. The treasury of the band was increased by about sixty dollars.

Walter Muller of the well known Eldred grocery firm Dorrian & Co. was instantly killed at the railroad crossing near the Walcott & Co. mill in that place on Wednesday. He was passing from the main road to the mill and did not notice the approaching north bound train which struck his wagon, reducing it to kindling wood. Mr. Muller was thrown up some distance and in the descent his head came in contact with the draw head of the engine every bone being broken. Mr. Muller was aged 35 years and leaves a wife and two children.

Anthony Malay a coal miner in a small way near Clermont, made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by cutting his throat on Saturday morning last. Malay had been on a protracted spree covering a period of several months and for two or three days had been unable to partake of food. On Saturday morning feeling down hearted, he attempted the rash act and in his efforts severed the windpipe. He soon repented however and Dr. Chadwick was summoned and dressed the wound. The would be suicide is at present in a fair way for recovery.

PERSONAL MENTION

We would deem it a favor if [illegible] friends visiting in this place would [illegible] by leaving a notice at this office.

H. A. O. Olmsted presided at court this week.

Jay Bush of Bradford was about town Monday

J. H. Coon was up from Eldred on Tuesday

[illegible] was over from Port Allegany Monday

S. M. Stearns of Bradford was about town Tuesday

[illegible] Gifford visited Port Allegany Wednesday

M. Dixon of Sweden Valley spent Sunday in Smethport

[illegible] W. W. Taylor was over from Bradford this week

W. I. Lewis one of Coudersport's brilliant legal lights, was in town Tuesday

Attorney S. W. Smith, of Port Allegany was in attendance at court this week.

The many friends of F. N. Taylor who has been very ill are pleased to see him about again

Among other well known attorneys attending court this week we notice P. J. Carter of Eldred.

The venerable Daniel Gallup, an old and esteemed subscriber of the MINER, was a caller yesterday.

Capt. Wm. Doble of Kendall Creek was among the many pleasant callers at the MINER office this week.

M. F. Shurtz the very efficient [illegible] of Port Allegany borough was in attendance at court this week

[illegible]

Mrs. Helen S. Morrison [illegible] of the State W. R. C. is in Pittsburgh this week in attendance at the State convention.

The smiling countenance of Ray [illegible] of Port Allegany's enterprising young business men was seen on our streets last Monday

D. W. Leech of Bradford of the well known job printing house of that place was a caller at the MINER office on Monday. Mr. Leech was drawn as a juror but was excused on account of the illness of his wife

Among the prominent Bradford attorneys in attendance at court this week we notice H. H. North, W. B. Chapman, W. J. Hughes, G. A. Sturges, [illegible], Mullin T. [illegible] Mullin C. [illegible] Judd H. L. Roberts, [illegible] W. Hastings, M. H. Byles, J. M. McClure, G. A. Wolf and H. H. George

QUARTER SESSIONS.

The regular February term of Quarter Sessions Court convened on Monday of this week, Judges Olmstead and Morrison on the bench.

The most of the business occupying the court was of an exceedingly trifling character and the cases were rapidly disposed of. H. H. Adell of Bradford was sworn in as foreman of the Grand Jury. All cases submitted to the Grand Jury were disposed of and the jury was discharged on Tuesday afternoon. True bills were returned in the following cases

Commonwealth vs. Carrie Duncan and George Duncan. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Matt Williams. A true bill

Commonwealth vs. Isaac Nusbaum. A true bill

Commonwealth vs. same. A true bill

Commonwealth vs. Ossley Ellis. A true bill

Commonwealth vs. Toney Serge. A true bill

Commonwealth vs. same. A true bill.

All other cases were nol prossed.

In the case of Matt Williams, who was indicted for selling liquor without a license, the defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of $500 00 and costs of prosecution and to undergo an imprisonment in county jail for four months.

Commonwealth vs. T. B. King. The defendant found guilty of surety of the peace, was sentenced to give security in the sum of $300 to keep the peace toward all men and particularly toward M. N. Allen and to pay the costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. T. B. King, convicted of assault and battery. Defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Tony Serge, arrested for assault and battery in two cases. The defendant was acquitted in both cases. In the first the costs were placed upon the defendant. In the second the jury placed the costs on the prosecutor

Commonwealth vs. Isaac Nusbaum, charged with renting the building No. 69 Mechanic street for a house of prostitution. Two counts. The defendant was acquitted in both cases.

A drunken woodsman disturbed the court by yelling out when a woman witness was being examined in the Nusbaum case "bully for you; you are the stuff." He was fined $15 00 for contempt of court.

A Serious Mistake.

The Philadelphia *Record* abandons the splendid defense of the Pennsylvania Constitution which, for many years, it has so ably and strenuously made, and with the rest of the Philadelphia newspapers hastens to surrender the city and the State to the new and lawless monopoly of the Reading coal combination. It does with singular disregard of facts, "Nobody objects," and under that caption proceeds —

"There does not appear to be any corporation or person in Pennsylvania so far aggrieved with the arrangement by which the Reading has so firmly built up for itself a first-class place among the great transportation companies and a first-rate credit among the money kings as to take the chances involved in opposing litigation. The little cloud in the sky puffed out from the lips of Mr. Cassatt in the first moment of surprise has been speedily dissipated. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company whose great system has been built up piece by piece through a series of magnificent grabs, cannot complain that the Reading has bettered its instruction."

No newspaper in Pennsylvania, nor elsewhere to our knowledge, has demonstrated more conclusively than the *Record* has repeatedly done, the total inadequacy of private litigation for the public protection. The "magnificent grabs," by which, the *Record* informs us the Pennsylvania system was built up were in many cases, in the face of the Constitution and the teeth of the law and that paper never tired of denouncing them and demanding the interposition of the State, with all its majesty and power to save the people from the oppression and plunder of the monopoly thus accomplished or attempted. But now that according to its own confession, the Reading has bettered the instruction and made a bigger and a more insolent grab a bolder stride to absolute dominion than ever did its rival that paper warns the sworn officers of the State to hold hands off and crows and sneers over the fact that no person in Pennsylvania shows an immediate purpose to undertake the duty which belongs to the Commonwealth. Are the Constitution and laws to be enforced against the Pennsylvania Railroad and not against the Reading? Are railway consolidations and coal pools monstrous criminal conspiracies or innocent and lawful arrangements according to the parties who undertake them? The Pennsylvania never proposed anything half as bad or as threatening as this. The *Record* indeed demands immunity for it on the sole ground that it is a bolder and greater grab than ever was made before. At one stroke it lays the State and all her people under the feet of a giant monopoly formed in conscious plain and indisputable defiance of the law which met and checked the Pennsylvania in similar enterprises. It is just precisely such a combination as the Constitution was intended to prohibit and the Governor is sworn to prevent.

Furthermore in this flippant article our esteemed contemporary assumes to assure us that Governor Pattison sees nothing unconstitutional in the arrangement. We beg to deny the right of our contemporary to make such a statement for the Governor. He made a record in his previous administration in railroad and coal combination cases which shows how he regards such colossal raids upon the laws of the State and the pockets of the people. He cannot see them one way to-day and another to-morrow one way when the Pennsylvania is the offender and another when it is the Reading. He like the *Record* itself has ever heretofore maintained that it is the duty of the State to defend its people in such cases and he is certainly not going to surrender the public rights under the Constitution merely because as the *Record* says the assault is a specially impudent and powerful one. Let the Reading go on. "Nobody objects." But somebody will object. Governor Pattison will object. He must object. There are some things about which a conscientious magistrate has no personal choice.—*Erie Herald*.

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[illegible] Nature abused and neglected does her best to overcome [illegible] and ward off threatening diseases but sometimes calls for help and knows just what she's about. The system takes kindly to the mild wholesome influence of Pierce's Pleasant Pellets and then their timely assistance corrects evils which would soon lead to serious results. With the first signal of distress nature will thank you for remembering her request. Therefore if [illegible] bad taste in mouth [illegible] regular [illegible] give nature a lift by taking Dr. Pierce's Pellets. Best Liver Pill made.

Reduced Rates and Enlarged Privileges for Clergymen on the Pennsylvania R. R.

The Pennsylvania Railroad [illegible] that commencing [illegible] 1892 clergy tickets will be sold to ministers [illegible] half rates. [illegible] Pittsburg [illegible] may not only be able to secure tickets at half fare between any stations [illegible] of Pittsburg and Erie but may enjoy the same privilege in the purchase of tickets to Cleveland, Chicago, Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and other western points.

This concession in the interest of a large class [illegible] is fresh evidence of the liberality of the Pennsylvania Railroad and cannot fail to impress itself upon the appreciation of those whom it is designed to benefit.

Remarkable Facts

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when promptly treated a large proportion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker of Orid Mich. were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill. says that Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure which cured the former "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan, of Buchanan Mich. who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "feel like a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by A. B. Armstrong's. Book of wonderful testimonials free.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel Wis. was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill. had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O. had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

Read from the treasured volume
The poem of thy choice,
And lend to the rhyme of poetry
The beauty of thy voice.

Which you cannot do if you suffer with a cough or cold. Rid yourself of the discomfort by buying a bottle of Pan-Tina, the best remedy for hoarseness and influenza.

Pan-Tina costs 25 cents at F. R. Foster's Drug Store.

Just Stop!

If you want a good dish of oysters—New York Counts—raw, stewed, panned, fried, or on toast, go to A. L. Peirce. He is never without.

WHO CAN ESTIMATE IT?

Who can estimate the amount of good done to every section of the country by the $119,344,953 which was distributed last year in pensions?

Undoubtedly they performed the duty ordinarily done by 10 times that amount, because it was scattered broadcast in small sums, and reached everybody. It was literally the "nimble penny, which is better than a slow shilling." Not a dollar was hoarded nor suffered to lie idle. Within a month after each quarterly payment each dollar had done the work of $100. The pensioner distributed his stipend at once to his neighbors in shape of payments for groceries, clothing, bread and meat, medicines and medical attendance, rent, etc., and the recipients put it into immediate circulation in buying things for themselves or paying their debts, so that before the month was out every dollar had passed through scores of hands and done good work wherever it went.

The same amount of money paid to the bondholders or dumped into Wall street would not have done the country a fractional part of the good. Very few people would have received any benefit from it. The larger part would have lain idle for months, seeking an investment. The pension money did not lie idle a day. Every pensioner had immediate use for every dollar of it and he put it to that use at once. There was no favoritism about its distribution. It came like a fruitful shower in summer time which falls equally on the just and the unjust. The worst soldier hater in time got as much benefit from it as the best friend of the veterans, for it was scattered impartially through every community. The moment it was out of the pensioner's hands it went into those of every member of the community. No better scheme ever was or could be devised for an equable redistribution of the people's money. It was given in the first place to those to whom the Government owed a just debt and they immediately scattered it among the entire people.

Much of the present prosperity of the country is undoubtedly due to this equable distribution of this vast sum.—*National Tribune*.

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Each one has a bark."

Some have a bark they would gladly be rid of—a persistent, determined rough, present by day, not absent by night. If you take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth it will go with you! There is just one thing to do: begin a thorough treatment with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and the problem is solved. You will soon wonder where it is gone and when it went. The picture is not overdrawn—colds lingering and obstinate coughs and even consumption in its early stages yield to this potent vegetable compound. Large bottle one dollar at druggists and *guaranteed* to benefit or cure in every case or money returned to by its makers.

A Happy Combination

of the most potent and active properties of the whole vegetable kingdom is that which makes Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription so preeminently above every other so called woman's restorative in the market. Don't experiment with worthless nostrums when the world's acknowledged [illegible] original reliable and *only guaranteed remedy* for the happy restoration of suffering and debilitated women. Costs nothing if it don't do [illegible] as recommended. See guarantee on bottle wrapper.

How a Mother Saved Her Boy

Little Robert Foy lives at Silver Lake. His mother and father love him with parental devotion. He is a bright little fellow. Bobby as he is called took a severe cold which would not yield to everything they tried. A neighbor [illegible] the use of Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Two or three doses relieved and the contents of a 25 cent bottle made a cure. You can imagine the mother's joy.

Pan-Tina is sold at F. R. Foster's Drug Store.

Now Try This

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good. If you have a cough, cold, or any trouble with throat, chest or lungs, Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money will be paid back. Sufferers from la grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at F. R. Foster's Drug Store. Large size 50c. and $1.00

Notice.

Persons desiring to aid in the increase of edible fish in the waters of the State can by applying to The Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association, 1020 Arch Street, Philadelphia, obtain placards [illegible] and open seasons of the different varieties of fish and information pertaining to the same, also blank applications for procuring trout fry free from the Pennsylvania Fish Commissioners, will be supplied by the Association upon application.

La Grippe

Not a single person need fear any [illegible] consequences from an attack of la grippe if properly treated. It is much the same as a severe cold and requires [illegible] treatment. Remain quietly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed for a severe cold and a prompt and complete recovery is sure to follow. This remedy also counteracts any tendency of grippe to result in pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it during the epidemics of the past two years we have yet to learn of a single case that has not recovered or that has resulted in pneumonia. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, druggist.

New Facts!

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company has just issued a twenty paged pamphlet entitled New Facts about South Dakota. Everybody interested in farming should have a copy. It gives a complete report of every county and contains a geographically correct county map of North as well as South Dakota. Send your name and address to George H. Heafford General Passenger Agent Chicago Ill. or to John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Williamsport, Pa. for one of them. Free by return mail.

Safe and Reliable.

In buying a cough medicine for children" says H. A. Walker, a prominent druggist of Ogden Utah, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is always sure to follow. I particularly recommend Chamberlain's because I have found it to be safe and reliable. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong's Druggist.

Cough Following the Grip.

Many persons, who have recovered from la grippe are now troubled with a persistent cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will promptly loosen this cough and relieve the lungs, effecting a permanent cure in a very short time. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong Druggist.

Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels *through the nerves*. A new discovery. Dr. Miles' Pills speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequaled for men, women, children. Smallest, mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Samples free, at A. B. Armstrong's Drug Store.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—For fine tobacco, cigars, etc., go to Emil Thamm's.

—Smokers' articles of every description at Emil Thamm's.

—Bran, corn, screenings, middlings, etc., at G. W. Williams & Sons.

—Shell and count oysters and clams direct from Baltimore, served in every style at Wilson's Novelty Restaurant, two doors below the Chautauqua House. Families supplied with shell or bulk oysters or clams.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market East Smethport, Pa.

—The *Home Magazine* of Washington, D. C. conducted by Mrs. John A. Logan, the best and most popular low-priced periodical ever printed, can be secured by our readers for a year by sending us a mere nominal sum in addition to the price of a year's subscription to this paper. See announcement in another column.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, sweeny, ring bone, stifles, sprains and swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong druggist Smethport

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BUFFALO, Feb. 24 1892

SHOE SALE.

The quick sense of the local retail market never had a more thorough test than that applied by the sale of woman's shoes at less than manufacturer's prices.

The selling has taxed our sales force to the utmost. We presume that never before have so many fine shoes been sold at retail in any one house during the same period as here within the last ten days.

And yet so great and complete was the assortment that the stock is still worthy of the most critical examination.

DRESS GOODS.

The ample space of the dress goods section has never been so thoroughly occupied as it is to day with new and novel effects. Measured either by variety or quantity we never had so much—see never so much worth seeing. Our only dress goods competition is our own past. This time we beat the record.

Description neither describes the collection nor gives any indications of the cheapness qualities and varieties. Those who can get to the counter will be glad they came. Those who live far enough away should send for samples being particular to state color, quality, style and price. Useless to send for the entire collection. No reasonable person expects it.

WASH GOODS.

The supremacy of our cotton dress goods stock is generally conceded. We are told and believe it correct that the variety we show is larger than any other within your reach.

Ginghams hold their own in spite of numerous novelties. For lightness, beauty of colorings, strength, fineness of texture they distance all competing goods. A splendid line at a shilling a yard. At the price they are wonderfully cheap.

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TELEPHONE 74. OLEAN, N. Y.

Administratrix Notice.

ESTATE OF L. R. BUSH, DECEASED. Letters of Administration on the estate of L. R. Bush late of Keating township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to Mrs. L. R. Bush residing in Eldred, Penn'a, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands, will make known the same, duly authenticated without delay.

MRS. L. R. BUSH, Administratrix.

Auditor's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, AN AUDITOR APPOINTED by the Orphans Court, of McKean county, to distribute the funds in the hands of M. A. Sprague, executor of the estate of Elisha [illegible], late of the township of Keating, deceased, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the borough of Smethport, on Friday the 4th day of March, 1892, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at which time and place all interested can be heard, or forever after be debarred from coming in on said fund.

ROBERT H. ROSE, Auditor.

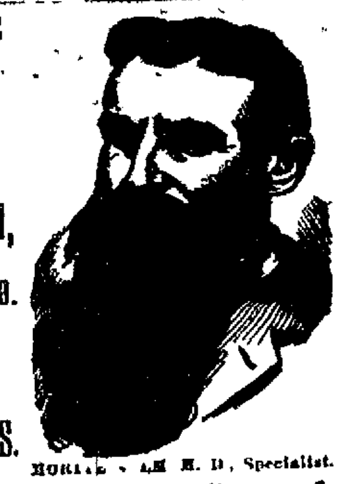
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ALL DISEASES ARE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY THEM.

Unsolicited Testimonials

SEVERE EYE TROUBLE CURED

I have been troubled with eye disease for some time. The pain was almost unbearable at times and I couldn't think of reading or sewing at any time. I put myself under the care of Drs. McClellan & Salm who visit Butler every four weeks, and after only three months treatment I consider myself entirely cured and safely say that my eyes feel better and have better vision than any time within the last 2 years.

MRS. GOLDEN.

Butler, Pa. Oct 29. W. Jefferson street.

WONDERFUL CURE PERFORMED IN BUTLER

I have had a most fearful deep-eating ulcer on the root of my tongue, could only swallow with the greatest effort and the pain was most terrible. Took a good deal of medicines and was treated by our best home doctors, got [illegible] instead of better. [illegible] Drs. McClellan & Salm have made a perfect cure of this fearful trouble in a very short time.

Respectfully, MRS. RICHEL SCOTT.

Butler, Pa., April 15, 1891

CROSS EYED OPERATION

I have been cross-eyed ever since infancy. On August 3rd 1890 I went to Drs. McClellan & Salm who visit Indiana every four weeks. They operated on my eye with perfect success without pain or loss of blood in about a minute's time.

Respectfully, KATE KENKLE.

Yarkwood, Indiana Co., Pa. Oct. 21 1890

PERFECTLY SATISFIED

Am now 20 years of age and was born cross eyed. Drs. McClellan & Salm who visit Indiana every four weeks operated upon my left eye to-day. It was done in one minute's time and without pain and I now consider my eyes perfectly straight.

MAGGIE MILLS.

Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa. Oct. 23, 1890.

FISSURE, FISTULA AND ULCERATION OF RECTUM

After first treatment the most intense pain had vanished as if by magic. For nearly five years I have suffered most fearfully from fistula, fissure and ulceration of rectum. The pain produced by same was at times almost intolerable and my doing at work was out of the question. After having had the first treatment from Drs. McClellan & Salm the relief was remarkable and the fearful pain of years' had vanished as if by magic and now after a short course of treatment consider myself entirely cured.

Gratefully, JOHN HORNER.

EAR TROUBLE AND CATARRH.

I have been troubled with catarrh and deafness, ringing in the ear, about six years. Tried two different doctors in Pittsburg and ever so many patent medicines without the least benefit. I am now under Drs. McClellan & Salm's treatment four months and the improvement is remarkable and I'm certain that within a short time I'll be entirely cured. They are the doctors to go to to get cured.

W. H. MILLER.

Kelley station, Armstrong Co., Pa., Oct. 3, 1890

LUNG TROUBLE CURED

In June of last year I put myself under treatment of Drs. McClellan & Salm for a bad case of lung trouble. I was losing flesh rapidly and became weaker daily so that my friends and myself became very much alarmed. Although treated by several of our very best home physicians I began to sink more and more. At this date I consider myself entirely cured of all my previous trouble, have once more a good appetite and can sleep and eat with pleasure, and am indeed very much satisfied with the result. Drs. McClellan & Salm have done all they promised.

S. E. RARIC.

Blanco, Armstrong Co., Pa. Feb. 20, 1891.

TUMOR REMOVED FROM DRUM OF THE EAR.

I have had a tumor growing on my ear almost attached to the drum. Drs. McClellan & Salm removed the same four weeks ago without any pain, and as I can see now with splendid results. They are splendid physicians.

PETER ARMAN.

Somerset, Pa., January 16, 1891

GROWTH REMOVED FROM THE EYE BALL.

Drs. McClellan & Salm have removed a hard, gristly growth from my left eye with perfect success and but little pain. The sight has improved to a great extent.

Respectfully, MRS. ELMIRA ADAMS.

Wick, Butler Co., Pa. Jan. 22, 1891

REMOVAL OF TUMOR FROM EYE BALL.

A few months ago Drs. McClellan & Salm removed from my left eye ball a tumor size of a small hazel nut with perfect success and no pain whatever and I was not kept in the house a single day on account of the operation.

ALICE WORK.

Rochester Mills, Indiana Co., Pa., Jan. 14, 1891

HOME MAGAZINE.

The best low priced periodical ever printed anywhere, in any language. Twenty four to thirty two large pages monthly, equal to more than a hundred pages of the ordinary sized magazine.

More than a dozen departments each putting itself in closest touch with the wants and needs of the home.

Literature of the highest standard, contributed by the best and most popular writers of the day.

Holds all its old friends and is continually making hosts of new ones. Wherever it goes, it goes to stay—becomes a part of the home life and thought and conscience in every family.

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS" but in these days of sharp competition there is no permanent success without merit. The *Home Magazine* has won its present enviable place in American literature, and in the homes and hearts of the people, by deserving it.

We have made arrangements by which we can furnish this valuable periodical and the MINER one year for $1 50 in advance. Do not miss this opportunity to secure your home paper and a valuable family periodical in addition for a little more than the price of the one.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Hon. [illegible] Morrison [illegible] at Judges' chambers at the Court House in Smethport Pa. on Monday the 14th day of March 1892 [illegible] Smethport [illegible]

[illegible] Solicitor.

Application for Charter

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County [illegible] on [illegible] the 14th day of March 1892 at 2 p. m. under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations" approved April 29 1874 and the supplements thereto by Elisha K. [illegible] Cook, William [illegible] for the charter of an intended corporation to be called [illegible] Kushequa Union Church Society, the character and object whereof is for the support of religious worship and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said act of Assembly and its supplements.

ROBERT H. ROSE, Solicitor.

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NATURE'S COBBLER, Repairing, Mending, Making the Old and Worn Out New.

HOP BALSAM a compound of fresh hops and the best gums, balsams and expectorants known—product is refreshing sleep, and when the mind is at repose it assists nature—and heals the body. The beneficial medicinal properties of the hop are well known. Hop Balsam will cure Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Sore Throat, Consumption, Bronchitis, and all Pulmonary Complaints. It assists to raise the phlegm and clear the lungs of all morbid matter. Mothers will find it [illegible] It cures when cure is possible. Try it. IT CURES the most stubborn cases, when all other remedies have failed. IT ALLAYS the racking pain, relieves the sufferer from that terrible Cough [illegible]



If you are troubled with Lung or Pulmonary complaints you should take Hop Balsam.

Get a large bottle for 35 cents. Get a free sample at your druggists.

Do not accept a substitute. Wholesale Depot, [illegible] Washington Street, BUFFALO, N. Y.

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RUPTURE cure guaranteed by Dr. J. B. Mayer, 831 Arch St., Phil'a, Pa. Ease at once, no operation or business delay. Thousands cured. Send for Circular. No. 9011.

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Franklin Philadelphia	[illegible]
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia	[illegible]
County Philadelphia	[illegible]
Hanover, New York	[illegible]
Sun Fire, London U. S. Branch	[illegible]
Royal London	[illegible]
Commercial Union, London	2,716,[illegible]

LIFE INSURANCE

Mutual Life New York	$14[illegible]
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My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. This drink is made of herbs, and is prepared for use as easily as tea. It is called

LANE'S MEDICINE.

All druggists sell it at 50c. and $1.00 per package. Buy one to-day. Lane's Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy, this is necessary.

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[illegible] a year is being made by John R. Goodwin, Troy, N.Y., at work for us. [illegible]

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STILL CONTINUES

AT

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Our Cloak Sale has been a decided success, but we still have a few left, consisting of

PLUSH ✦ SACQUES ✦ AND ✦ REEFER ✦ JACKETS,

trimmed with fur, that will be sold at manufacturers' prices. They must go, in order to make room for spring wraps.

Another shipment of Chase & Sanborn's famous

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ENGLISH ∴ BREAKFAST ∴ TEAS

are perfect in quality. A trial of these goods will convince you they are the very best.

Our Boot and Shoe Stock

is not only complete, but you can get the best shoes at the lowest prices from us because we sell for cash only, and can sell them at a smaller margin, and we stand by every pair.

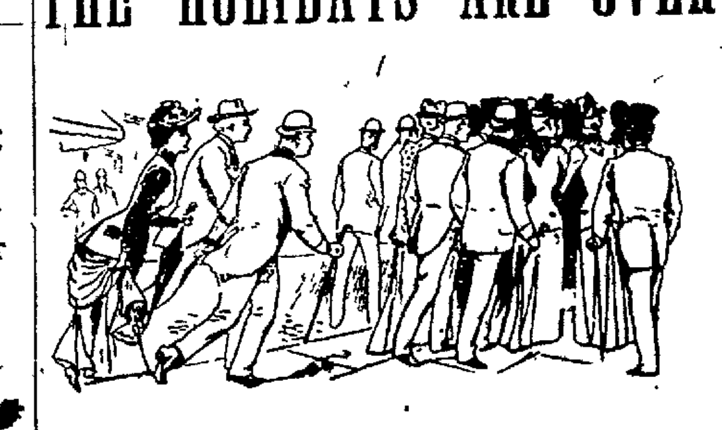
Our other departments are full of seasonable goods, and the price positively the lowest

Call and examine our stock

STICKNEY & RITCHIE.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 20th, 1892.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER



—BUT THE—

RUSH STILL CONTINUES

—AT—

D. C. YOUNG'S.

Reason—The People Know Where to Get Bargains All the Year 'Round.

No time to enter into details this week. Watch this space for future announcements.

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Pa., Jan., 1892 — Cor Main and Union Sts.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1892.

The venders of Foreign and Domestic Merchandise, Brewers, Brokers, Real Estate Agents, Billiard Tables, Bowling Alleys, &c., in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, will

TAKE NOTICE

that they have been appraised and classed by the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile and other License Taxes, for the year 1892, as follows, to-wit:

ANNIN TOWNSHIP
Turtle Point.

Class.	Name.	Tax.
14	Anthony Taylor	7 75
14	Breakbauman & Williams	7 75

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
Custer City

14	D S Conger & Co	7 75
14	L Pitkin	7 75
14	N Tobias & Son	7 75
14	W J Chesney	7 75

Song Bird

14	W D Kinsman	7 75

BRADFORD CITY

[illegible — list of Bradford City merchants, class and tax columns]

Bowling Alley

Ingersoll & Goodwin

Opera House

Wagner & Hart

Real Estate Dealers

[illegible]

Oil Brokers

[illegible]

Billiards

[illegible]

CORYDON TOWNSHIP
Ormsby

14	H A Ostrander	7 75

Woodsport

13	E W Stockton & Co	10 00

CERES TOWNSHIP
Ceres

14	G W Haskell	7 75

Myrtle

14	J C Burt	7 75

ELDRED BOROUGH

[illegible — list of Eldred Borough merchants]

Billiards

	L D Sholes, 1 table	10 00

ELDRED TOWNSHIP
Indian Creek

14	H Bullock	7 75

Larrabee

14	M H Lamb	7 75

State Line

13	Georgia & Co	10 00

FOSTER TOWNSHIP
Derrick City

14	A A Swanson	7 75
14	W L McCullough	7 75
14	C E Knight	7 75

Dallas City

14	J C Hughes	7 75

Gilmore

14	J K White	7 75
14	G W Lacey	7 75
14	H Norton	7 75
14	Grant & Treesch	7 75

Red Rock

14	A J Cronin	7 75
14	E Newton	7 75

Rew City

14	John Diesel	7 75
14	W F Sinclair	7 75
14	Jones & Newton	7 75

Sawyer City

14	J C Hand	7 75
14	J O Paul	7 75

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
Ludlow

14	Dougtson & Anderson	7 75
14	P W Tuite	7 75
14	Whiteley & Freelman	7 75
14	Swanson	7 75
14	J O Curtis	7 75

White Gravel

14	E H French & Co	7 75

Westmore

14	Thos Keeler	7 75

Morrison

14	J N Norton	7 75

Dunbar

14	J M Norton	7 75
14	McCabe Bros	7 75

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP
Gaffer

14	H O Conner	7 75

Kanesholm

14	L M Johnson	7 75

Kasheyna

14	E R Nase	10 75

Griffiths

14	John Hudson	7 75

Lafayette Road

14	N P Laotz	7 75

Mt. Jewett

[illegible — list of Mt. Jewett merchants]

Billiards

[illegible]

KANE BOROUGH

[illegible — list of Kane Borough merchants]

Billiards

[illegible]

Kendall Borough

[illegible — list of Kendall Borough merchants]

KEATING TOWNSHIP

[illegible — lists for Alton, Bingham, Coleville, Davis City, Farmers Valley, Frisbee, Crosby, East Smethport, Shippen]

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP

[illegible — lists for Big Shanty, Lewis Run, Lafayette, Mt. Alton]

Billiards

[illegible]

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Wrights

14	W E Sawyer	7 75

Liberty or Portage

[illegible]

Billiards

[illegible]

NORWICH TOWNSHIP

[illegible — lists for Colegrove, Davis's Mill, Gardeau]

Billiards

[illegible]

Newell

14	M Erhart	7 75
13	County Lumber Co	10 00

OTTO TOWNSHIP
Duke Center

[illegible — list of Duke Center merchants]

Billiards

[illegible]

Rixford

[illegible]

Billiards

[illegible]

Summit City

14	Gillespie & Baker	7 75

Port Allegany Borough

[illegible — list of Port Allegany Borough merchants]

14	J W Wildman	7 75
14	F Sinclair	7 75
14	A F Reed & Co	10 00
14	Oscar Thoren	7 75
14	Mrs E R Vandron	7 75
14	E J Deal	7 75
14	Moot & Kessing	10 75
14	M M Carrawaque	7 75
14	Greene & Bradley	7 75
14	E Dudley	7 75

Billiards

	N C Wetpper, 1 table	10 00
	F J Wenpper, 1 tables	10 00

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP
Clermont

14	H Palmer & Son	7 75
14	F B Rosenbauer	7 75
14	W E Rotts	7 75
14	McCarty & Grillo	7 75
14	Andrew Sennett	7 75
14	L Bayer	7 75

Billiards

	Albert Nelson, 1 tables	10 00

Quinton

14	T H Quinn & Co	7 75

SMETHPORT BOROUGH

[illegible — list of Smethport Borough merchants]

Billiards

[illegible]

WETMORE TOWNSHIP
Jo Jo

14	A Clemmager	7 75

North Kane

14	G W Campbell	10 75

West Kane

14	John Wells	7 75

Lay City

14	Sibley & Herne	7 75

Sergeant

14	C H Heim	7 75

TAKE NOTICE.

All who are concerned in the appraisement are hereby notified that an

APPEAL

will be held at the Treasurer's office, Smethport, Pa.,

APRIL 12, 1892,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 4 p. m., when and where you may attend if you think proper. Remit the amount of your tax to Wm. H. Rogers, Treasurer, Smethport, Pa.

JOHN M. SHOEMAKER, Mercantile Appraiser.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 15, 1892.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

SICK

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

SEASONABLE [illegible]

[illegible]

HARNESS

OF EVERY STYLE AND CHARACTER

Which they sell at [illegible]

LOWEST RATES.

They also keep a full supply of

Saddles, Blankets, Whips, Etc.

A very large and complete stock of

TRUNKS & VALISES

[illegible]

Yours for trade,

GLEASON & LEMMLER.

Smethport, Pa., [illegible]

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Wholesale and Retail

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Nice Piece of Meat

Fresh, Salt or Smoked

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Wood and Iron Working Machinery, Shafting Hangers & Wood Pulleys, Contractors' Hoisting Engines, double Engines for Coal Hauling. Write for catalogue.



SHERIFF MACHINERY CO.,

90 Water St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ON THE PAYSTREAK.

loosened stone from the roof gave him a cruel pelt on the head or back, but he hardly noticed it. The candle was burning very faintly now, and his breath grew short and thick. The scant air of his prison was fast becoming a deadly poison. Even if the pothole were big enough, could he keep breath to burrow through? He was down in the pothole now, right under the fallen bowlder. The round stone which had worn that blessed pit was too heavy to be lifted out, but he had half a yard between it and the bowlder above, and that was room enough.

At last his hand, burrowing forward, came to a polished concave surface. It was the farther side of the pothole! He scooped away the sand with vigorous energy until he could feel all along that strange, bowl-like wall, and in an agony of doubt lifted his hands to see what was above. They touched something hard and smooth and convex, and he shrieked aloud. It was the great bowlder—it covered the farther side of the great pothole, and he would never get out! But no! It is a smaller rock —and there is another wedged beside it, and another! The pothole opens out beyond the prison bowlder!

He crawled back for his bar, but it was too long to be turned up in that passage under the great rock. His strength was almost gone. His head swam and a strange whirr was in his ears. To die after all, with dear life so near! He caught up a smooth stone that had fallen in the drift, and lying upon his back in the pothole began to hammer desperately overhead, cracking off rocky splinters that filled his eyes, crushing his fingers blindly, working stupidly, as one half asleep.

And then a round stone as big as his head fell and barely missed his face, and that let loose another and there came a shower of sand and that sweetest thing in all the world, the fresh air of heaven —and Rodolfo knew no more.

"Perdi! What keeps Rodolfo so long?" muttered Marta anxiously, "for I was at home much time, and not yet has he filled the bucket to send up. Rodolfo! Little son!" And she leaned over the shaft, calling shrilly again and again.

"May the holiest mother help me," she murmured, catching the rope and shivering, "for it is very deep. But I must see what has come to my boy." And sliding down the harsh rope, with burned and failing fingers, she fell in a heap to the bottom.

When Rodolfo opened his eyes the little hole above his face had grown larger, and slender, bleeding fingers were tearing at its rough sides. Faintly at first, but with growing strength, he hammered with his stone from within, until at last he squeezed through the narrow opening and crawled with his fainting mother to daylight at the bottom of the shaft.

It was late at night when the boy was strong enough to climb the rope and windlass his mother up, and for many days both lay helpless and fevered in the little jacal, cared for by kindly women from Dolores.

But both got well at last, and Rodolfo went back to work in his placer claim, which quite filled the bottle and many others like it in course of time. But that blessed pothole which had saved his life was what really made him a rich man for that poor country. It had been a lively miner in its day, and when he cleaned it out, well knowing that such a pit in the very path of the pay streak was the best of all traps to catch the vagrant gold, he washed out in one day from the gravel in its bowl-like bottom so many hundreds of dollars in little fine dust and fat nuggets that he never dared tell how much there was, and I doubt if any one knows to this day.—C. F. Lummis in Detroit News.

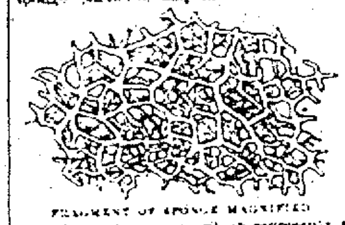
Keep Your Temper Over Trifles.

Don't get angry at trifles. Look at vexations now as you will view them thirty days from date. The angry man, who gets the wrong key and pushes and rattles the door till he breaks the lock, loses more time than if he had quietly gone for the right key, and pays for a new lock besides.—Good Housekeeping.

A Few Facts About Sponges.

We find the sponge in both fresh and salt water, and there have given rise to much discussion as to whether they should be classed as animals at all. But that question having been finally settled, we can proceed to examine a sponge in its native state, and we shall find both skeleton and flesh.

The skeleton is hard and composed of needles of "limy" texture. The flesh is "sarcode," and the animal possesses no mouth, but is full of holes (pores) and canals through which the water is continually distributed. The outer layer of the sponge is formed of ultimate components of the living substance of the sponge. Each contains a nucleus and when joined together form the outer layer of the body. Beneath is a wide cavity communicating with the exterior by means of minute holes and filled with water. The cavity separates the superficial layer from the deeper substance, which is of the same character. In the water passages of the sponge are cilia which induce a current, and the interior canals develop into chambers lined with sponge particles, and the water carries



FRAGMENT OF SPONGE MAGNIFIED.

particles to the sponge, which represents a kind of [illegible] where the people are arranged about the streets and roads in such a manner that each can easily appropriate his food from the water as it passes along.

Sponge, then, is a mass of living organisms, tiny living creatures capable of feeling and of movement. The living sponge is a beautifully colored animal, and grows upon almost any solid foundation. In the autumn the parent sponge displays a number of yellow dots or "gemmules," which are the young. These are soon cast off to seek their fortunes in the wide sea. At last they find a resting place, and fix themselves forever, growing up and reproducing their species until they are carried off to be used for domestic purposes.

Warned in Time.

People will have themselves largely to blame if the horrid grip secures a foothold here this winter. The board of health sounded a note of warning a few days ago. Physicians all agree that with proper precautions the disease may be prevented. Aged and enfeebled persons, in fact anyone whose system is run down require a healthful stimulant just now. The medical faculty are a unit upon this point. Klein's "Silver Age" and "Duquesne" rye whiskies which sell respectively at $1.50 and $1.25 per full quart are the purest and best stimulants known. The most skilled practitioners in the country indorse and prescribe these brands and leading hospitals use them exclusively. Major Klein also sells Guckenheimer, Finch, Gibson, Overholt and Bear Creek at $1 per quart or six quarts for $5. His establishment is headquarters for everything in the liquor line. Goods expressed everywhere. Send for catalogue, mentioning this paper, to,

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank R. Foster, Druggist.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, sweeny, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, and swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, druggist, Smethport.

ETIQUETTE.

TWO STYLES OF TEAS.

Afternoon Teas in Town and Country. What Should Be Served at Each.

There are two styles of entertainment under the general names of teas—high teas and afternoon teas—about which a lady of society gives the following useful hints in a little handbook on "Manners."

The first is a meal taking the place of a dinner, at which hot meats, cakes, warm breads, preserves and other sweets are served; such teas are more popular in the country than in town.

In many households it is the custom about 5 o'clock to have a tray brought in to the mistress of the house and placed before her on a small table. On this tray should be a tea service, cups, saucers, etc. She herself then makes the tea, pours it out and passes it to whatever visitors may be with her at the moment. The servant brings in thin slices of bread and butter, cake, and perhaps English muffins, which are usually served with the cup of tea.

Afternoon teas resembling receptions are also given, but these come under the head of more general entertainments.

The entertainment at a tea ought to be simple, and the visiting cards of the hostess are used for the invitations, on which should be written on the lower left hand corner and opposite the address the words, "Tea at 5 o'clock," following the day and date.

The Women of France.

France has never produced a second George Sand, and the elegant chatelaines are as unlike her as possible and would be shocked to hear that there was anything in common between them in their beautiful tea gowns and the eccentric who wandered along the borders of the Indre and in the meadows of the valley of the Noire, in the neighborhood of Nohant, in a man's costume, a frock coat buttoned tightly around the waist, her luxuriant hair falling over a Byronic collar, with a cane or whip, smoking cigarettes as did George Sand.

And yet each one of them has something of that queer mixture—like herself—the love of literary companionship, the desire to rise to æsthetic discussion. Women in France have always shared in the discussion as to the property and the business of the husband; they in the higher circles have a desire now to join in the thought and the literary experience. The stories of Jules Janin, Balzac, Theophile Gautier, Alphonse Karr are replete with these tokens of feminine influence of the higher order.

They are very religious and very attentive to their charities. The fancy fairs, which are so fashionable in the Champs Elysees are under the conduct always of the greatest ladies, and how decorous, how quietly elegant they are! I fear our young girls could take a lesson of them.—Mrs. John Sherwood in Harper's Bazar.

No Streets in Madagascar.

On the island of Madagascar there are many brick and stone houses, but the streets are rocky and rough and narrow, the ground being in the same condition as nature made it. You see, no roads are allowed to be built in that country and the towns have narrow footpaths for streets. Otherwise the natives believe that foreigners could the better march soldiers over the island and subdue it. There are no carriages there because there are no roads. Goods are conveyed from the coast to the interior on the backs of strong men, each of whom, by the use of a bamboo, can carry 100 pounds. There are not over ten good horses on the island, but there are probably 300 small ponies used for riding. The island has a standing army of 20,000 under the native queen.

The natives speak the Malagasy language, which is a branch of the Malay tongue. Formerly their language was simply a spoken language, but the Protestant missionaries reduced it to writing and published a grammar and formulated a system. The queen patronizes an independent congregational creed, and hence that is the fashionable and most powerful religion on the island.—Interview in Chicago Herald.

Legends of the Maories.

The Maories are sometimes generally and even exquisitely poetical. One of them relates how the heavens and the earth were the beginning of things united in marriage, and how the sky was torn away from the partner of her love by her own children, the storm winds. Every night she weeps over her lost husband, and her tears are the dew. Sometimes the stories are very quaintly and oddly imaginative, as where the tale is told of three brethren who took a canoe to fish, and went far, far out into the open sea, when one of them who had prepared a magic hook, caught what was supposed to be a great fish at the bottom, and drawing it up to the surface found that he had discovered New Zealand.

That was how the land came into being and the Maories point to two or three of the great mountain ranges as the stone canoes in which their giant ancestors came from some far off country to people the land. The mixture of childish naivete and high imagination makes the collection actually fascinating.—Contemporary Review.

Is the Earth Hollow?

The orthodox Icelander believes that the earth has an opening through it from pole to pole, in other words, that it is the exact counterpart of a gigantic head. According to their ideas all waters which flow to the north are drawn thitherward by a suction created by the oceans tumbling downward through the hollow which they firmly believe exists. Their authority for this curious belief is the "Utama Saga," a semisacred work written early in the Fourteenth century.

If this ancient volume is to be relied upon, one Bjorn Lodson, a fisherman who was driven northward by a fierce gale about the year 1291, is the only human being who has ever seen the spot where the waters of all oceans plunge downward and are not seen again until they have passed entirely through the earth and again appear, bubbling and frothing like a mammoth spring at the south pole. Symmes, an American arctic explorer, is said to have entertained a notion somewhat similar.—St. Louis Republic.

His Name.

Brown is a fellow who loves to push himself forward on all occasions. Not long ago he engaged a stranger in conversation in a hotel lobby and after a few minutes he remarked:

"Excuse me, but your name, please?"

"Brown," replied the stranger, graciously.

"Ah, mine is Brown also," he chirruped, with a pleased smile.

The stranger's face was imperturbable.

"Pleased to meet you, Mr. Also," he said, very quietly, and Brown was flabbergasted.—Detroit Free Press.

A Very Common Want.

"Out of sorts," "distrait," "the blues," these are familiar appellatives for uncomfortable, undefinable sensations, accompanied with lassitude, nervousness, indigestion. Poverty of the blood, to remedy which an effective stomachic persistently used is the paramount need, is conclusive evidence that the system is insufficiently nourished because—and for no other because where organic disease does not exist—the food is not assimilated. Reinforce the flagging energies of the stomach, reform an irregular condition of the bowels, keep up a healthful secretion of the bile with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. To its power of imparting strength is attributable its efficacy as a preventive of malaria and la grippe. Thoroughly effective it is too for rheumatism, kidney complaint and neuralgia.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

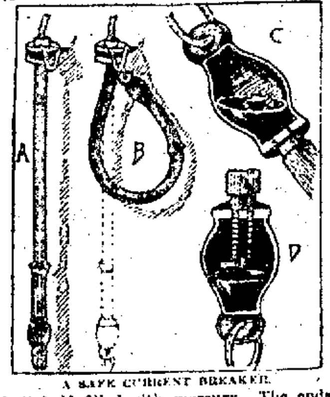
A NOVEL CURRENT BREAKER.

A Safety Device for Use in Connection with Electric Lights.

It frequently happens that electric lights or other electrical apparatus are placed in powder magazines, flour mills or storehouses of naphtha or other inflammable or explosive substances. Popular Science News says in regard to these:

In turning the current on or off sparks are liable to pass between the ends of the wires, which under favorable circumstances might cause a disastrous explosion. The current breaker here illustrated is so arranged that the rupture of the circuit and the passage of the spark take place in an air tight rubber bulb. Its construction is rendered sufficiently clear by the engraving.

The insulated wires forming the electrical circuit are inclosed in a flexible tube, to one end of which is attached a rubber



A SAFE CURRENT BREAKER.

bulb half filled with mercury. The ends of the wires, from which the insulating covering is removed, are sealed into the lower end of the bulb. When the tube is bent upward in the position B or C the mercury surrounds the wires, completing the electric circuit and allowing the current to pass. To break the circuit it is only necessary to unhook the end of the tube and allow it to hang straight down in the position A or D. The current is at once broken, and any spark that may pass between the wires is completely cut off from the outside air and rendered harmless.

The current breaker may also be used to good advantage as an automatic fire alarm by making the hook to which the bulb is hung of fusible metal, or even tying it with a piece of light cotton thread. When the temperature rises sufficiently to melt the fusible metal, or if a flame occurs so as to burn the thread, the bulb will fall down, breaking the circuit and sounding an electric bell or other alarm.

As shown in the engraving the apparatus is designed to be used on a closed circuit—that is, one where the current is continually passing. If used on an open circuit it is only necessary to seal the wires into the opposite end of the bulb, so that when it is released from the hook the mercury will surround the wires, thus completing the circuit.

NOT UP TO THE SPIRIT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.



British Tar (who has had some experience in Mexican and other revolutions, on landing from a long voyage, and, proceeding to inform himself, encounters a sensational newspaper and observes to shipmate)—Hello, Jack, blessed if they haven't got a revolution in Amerika, and we've come ashore with nothing but our jackknives.



THE BEST FRIENDS MUST PART.

But the tie that bound these two friends was not snapped asunder by a pistol. Friend No. 1 was sorely tempted, but thought better of it and departed in peace. Read all about it in

A Self Made Man,

a delightful serial by M. G. McClelland, which will be published in this paper. It has many interesting incidents of life in Virginia and in the far west, and is

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—RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.—"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong Druggist, Smethport.

Two Valuable Friends.

1. A physician cannot be always had. Rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, bruises and burns occur often and sometime when least expected. Keep handy the friend of many households and the destroyer of all pain, the famous Red Flag Oil, 25 cents.

2. Many a precious life could be saved that is being racked to death with that terrible cough. Secure a good night's rest by investing 25 cents for a bottle of Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Trial bottles of Pan-Tina free at F. R. Fosters' drug store.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market East Smethport, Pa.

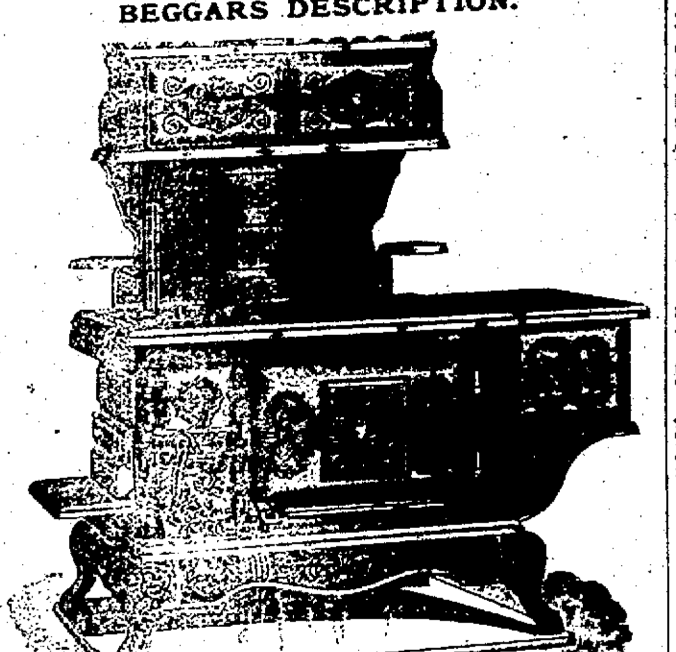
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Goods and Prices to Suit Everybody.

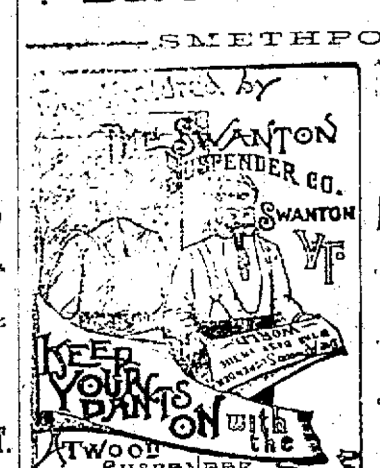
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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

TIME TABLE. WESTERN NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA

In effect Oct. 4, 1891.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

BUFFALO EXPRESS..........8:18 A. M.
BUFFALO MAIL..........2:51 P. M.

Train leaving Smethport at 2:51 p. m. connects at Eldred with B. & S. for Bradford at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, Johnsonburg, and points south:

CLERMONT MAIL..........7:12 A. M.
CLERMONT ACCOMMOD'N..........12:50 P. M.
LOCAL..........7:40 P. M.

Clermont Mail connects through to Johnsonburgh.

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT NOV. [illegible], 1891.

WESTWARD p.m.	a.m.		STATIONS	a.m.	p.m. EASTWARD
6 15	8 10		ar. Bradford Jc.	8 44	2 10
6 30	11 00		Kenaus Jc.	9 52	2 4[illegible]
5 [illegible]	11 16		Rew City	9 06	3 [illegible]
4 [illegible]	10 45		Lindsord	9 24	3 [illegible]
4 [illegible]	10 [illegible]		Duke Centre	9 41	3 [illegible]
4 15	10 18		Eldred	10 02	4 [illegible]
			B. E. & C. K. R.		
3 13	9 [illegible]		Ceres	10 32	4 [illegible]
2 57	9 12		Little Genesee	11 03	4 [illegible]
2 45	9 00		Lt. Bolivar, Ar	11 15	5 [illegible]
2 41	8 56		Allentown	11 [illegible]	5 [illegible]
1 45	8 0[illegible]		lv Wellsville ar	12 15	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.			a.m.	p.m.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	STATIONS	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
7 45	3 25	9 32	ar. Bradford lv	7 15	10 4[illegible]	[illegible]
6 50	2 45	8 52	Kinzua Junct'n	8 00	11 [illegible]	[illegible]
6 47	2 37	8 44	Aiken	8 [illegible]	11 [illegible]	[illegible]
6 36	2 24	8 25	Davis	8 17	11 [illegible]	[illegible]
6 23	2 19	8 20	Simpson	8 25	11 [illegible]	[illegible]
6 15	2 05	8 12	Ormsby	8 40	12 [illegible]	[illegible]
5 40	1 30	7 35	Sine Sporte	9 15	12 [illegible]	[illegible]
5 [illegible]	12 [illegible]	7 20	Mt. Jewett	9 20	1 [illegible]	[illegible]
5 00	11 00	6 50	Kane	10 15	2 [illegible]	[illegible]

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LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

[illegible] a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Golden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:50 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Golden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:00 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Sundays only [illegible] Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Golden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

[illegible] a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

4 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

[illegible] p. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad, Time Table, takes effect Monday, July 6, 1891

AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	LV. EASTW'D.		
A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.
12.3[illegible]	9.10	1.05	Coudersport	8.50	1.50	2[illegible]
11.01	8.56	1.01	Pine Creek Jc.	8.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
10.59	8.52	1.58	Hammond	9.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.57	Fish Basket	9.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.5[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Pomeroy Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.16	Coneman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.11	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15, 1891. TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 4, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:50 p. m., New York 9:35 p. m., Baltimore 6:45 p. m., Washington 8:05 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:55 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:10 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:50 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:50 a. m., New York 9:30 a. m., Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:15 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

7:00 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 4:45 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 6:15 a. m. Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 6:50 a. m., Washington 8:00 a. m., Baltimore 9:00 a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 7:00 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:25 p. m., Washington 10:00 p. m., Baltimore 11:20 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:20 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Daily except Sunday.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9 40	Ridgway	11 [illegible]
9 55	Johnsonburg	11 [illegible]
10 0[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 [illegible]
10 19	Straight	11 [illegible]
10 24	Instanter	11 [illegible]
10 30	Smith's Run	11 [illegible]
10 37	Woodvale	11 [illegible]
10 45	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 2:15 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8:05 p. m., also at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 1:45 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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